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RUMOURS OF IMPORTANT CHANGES IN GERMAN CONSTITUTION



DER FUHRER

Hitler Bid For Emperor's Crown Sharply Denied

Berlin, To-day.

A circumstantial story published in Paris declaring that Herr Hitler contemplates the early assumption of a title equivalent to that of Emperor, has evoked a sharp semi-official denial, which states that papers publishing such senseless rumours completely discredit their own political reputations. — Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

An emphatic denial has been issued by authoritative quarters here with regard to foreign press reports which predicted for January 30, announcement of "important changes in the German constitution" such as the appointment of General Goering to the chancellorship — which, so the reports alleged, would be relinquished by Adolf Hitler, who would solely retain the title of Fuhrer of German Reich.

Political quarters after once more stressing the absurdity of these rumours, declared, however, that there is a possibility that the Reichstag may be convoked to afford Chancellor Hitler an opportunity to make a statement supporting the regime's success during the last four years.

Four years ago, it will be recalled, Chancellor Hitler declared "Give me four years."

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FOUR YEARS UP

These four years, it is pointed out, have now elapsed and it is regarded as possible that a Cabinet session will be held on January 30, since the empowering law which was passed shortly after the National-Socialist accession to power, and by which, plenary power was given to the Government for period of four years, will nominally expire on January 30. It is apparent that a new settlement will become necessary in order to assure the continuity of the Government, from a legal point of view.

January 30, the fourth anniversary of the National-Socialist accession to power, however, will as in previous years, be marked by the holding of numerous large scale celebrations and meetings throughout Germany. — Trans-Ocean.

FLIGHT FROM YEN? EXCHANGE CONTROL

Osaka, To-day.

The Treasury Department has issued an Ordinance reinforcing exchange control providing, inter alia, that importers must secure Government licenses in exchange transactions, and the acquisition of letters of credit for the settlement of imports of merchandise.

The measure is intended to prevent a further fall in the Yen coincident with increasing imports.

The new rule becomes effective to-day, but the duration is expected to be short, possibly expiring at the end of next July. — Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

Arising from the recent signs of weakness in the value of the yen, the Minister of Finance at midnight published an Ordinance becoming effective immediately, enforcing a general import control by the official licensing of foreign exchange transactions.

The Finance Ministry is aiming at prevention of forward speculation in the yen and also of speculative imports prior to the enforcement of the considerable tariff increases which are expected to be imposed in April or May.

The ordinance, which is said to be temporary, to be withdrawn on July 31, prohibits inter-bank payments exceeding 10,000 yen except under licence. — Reuter.

DEADLOCK IN U.S. STRIKE

FEDERAL CONCILIATOR
ADMITS FAILURE

Detroit, To-day.

Successive conferences on the strike situation have failed to break the deadlock in the automobile industry.

The Federal conciliator, Mr. Dewey, who earlier in the day said he believed the outlook to be hopeful, admitted later that neither side had agreed to anything.

There appears to be no prospect of an early start of direct negotiations between the General Motors Corporation and the official labour union. — Reuter.

ARAB BOYCOTT ENDED

GIVE EVIDENCE BEFORE
COMMISSION

Jerusalem, To-day.

Following the announcement of Wednesday that the Arab leaders have decided to cease their "boycott" of the Royal Commission of Enquiry, Arab representatives yesterday appeared before the committee to present the Arab viewpoint. — Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anti-cyclone covers China, Korea and the adjacent seas; it is moving slowly eastward. Forecast: — N.E. and E. Winds fresh; cloudy.

GRIM FIGHTING FOR MADRID

VIOLENT REBEL
ATTACKS

SUCCESS CLAIM
BY LOYALISTS

Madrid To-day.

A communique issued by the "Red" defence committee in Madrid admits that the battle which began in the Poggio el Plantio de Las Rugas section on Wednesday, continued throughout the night but asserts that the defenders, "entrenched in strongly fortified positions, offered stubborn and successful resistance to the offensive of a strong body of Nationalist troops, which were supported by a great number of tanks." The communique, moreover, claims that the attacking Nationalist troops suffered extremely heavy losses, particularly in fighting round Las Rojas and that they captured a tank from the Nationalists. — Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN REPLY TO VALENCIA

DEFENDS NAVAL
ACTIVITY

NEUTRALITY
RIGHTS

Berlin, To-day.

Protests against the seizure of Spanish ships by German naval forces in Spanish waters which have been addressed to the British Government and the League of Nations by the Valencia Government, are characterised by authoritative sources here as obvious attempts to deflect attention from acts of violence on the high seas committed by Spanish Reds themselves.

The Valencia authorities, it is pointed out, have admitted that the German steamers Pluto and Palos were halted by armed patrol boats outside the three mile zone which is internationally recognised as the boundary of Spanish territorial waters, although they failed to reveal the exact locations where the two steamers were seized.

It is once more emphasised that the halting and seizure of the two German ships as well as the measures subsequently taken by the Valencia authorities, constitute a serious infringement of the rights of neutrals and that the justification of the German viewpoint has been recognised by competent quarters abroad.

BRITISH DECLARATION

The British Government itself — it is declared — on various occasions has announced that British warships in Spanish waters would do everything in their power to prevent acts of violence against British merchantmen in those waters.

Similarly, Germany made it clear that she would take energetic steps to protect German sovereign rights and German navigation on the high seas, in order to prevent a recurrence of such incidents as those of the Pluto and the Palos. — Trans-Ocean.



General Fanzel, who has been appointed German Minister to the Burgos (rebel) Government in Spain.

CLYDEBANK CRIME

SOLUTION AFTER
FIVE YEARS

WOMAN WITH £5
NOTES

London, To-day.

A five pound note passed across the counter of a Glasgow store during Christmas week has led to the solution of a crime which baffled the police for more than five years.

On August 8, 1931, Robert Donald, who was in sole charge of the Clydebank branch of the Clydebank, was found battered and shot dead at point-blank range, while the day's taking amounting to £1,525 had disappeared.

The police suspected the murderer to be an emigrant who had returned from the United States as the crime savoured of Chicago, but they were compelled to abandon the search until the Bank of England recently observed some of the stolen notes coming into circulation.

The closest watch was at once instituted in the Clydebank district and Miss Ethel Burke, a 40-year-old music teacher, has now been arrested on a charge of receiving.

BROTHER'S DEATH
She has lived alone since the death of her brother, William, in Glasgow Infirmary in April, 1934. She was remanded in custody a few days ago.

The Police announced last night that they were definitely satisfied that the murder was the work of one man, who had committed it with an American revolver, which is now in their possession. — Reuter.

RUBBER FACTORY EXPLOSION

ELEVEN HURT IN
SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Eleven people were seriously injured last night in an explosion in a rubber factory in Chapei, by the resulting fire which destroyed the main portion of the plant. The workers became panic-stricken when the walls crumbled and the roofs fell in. — Reuter.

NO REPLY

Canton, To-day. — It is reported that up to late yesterday, the Chinese Foreign Office has not received any reply from the Japanese Embassy with regard to the protest against the Japanese plane incident. — Our Own Correspondent.

MAROONED SEVEN DAYS ON FROZEN PRECIPICE

TWO GERMAN YOUTHS RESCUED
NEAR HERR HITLER'S ALPINE
HOME AFTER HEROIC EFFORTS

Berchtesgaden, To-day.

Through the heroic efforts of various rescue expeditions, two youthful Alpinists, both named Franz Frey, cousins aged 19 and 22, respectively, of Munich, who were marooned for seven days and nights on a precipice in the Watzmann mountain, overlooking Adolf Hitler's Alpine home "Berghof," were rescued to-day.

Despite repeated warnings the two youths attempted to climb the peak in the middle of winter and failed to return.

The missing boys were first located about 100 metres below the peak, lying in snow up to their waist, by an aeroplane, which dropped food and blankets, and which took photographs of their positions.

One rescue expedition approached to within a few hundred metres of the boys, but were forced by deep snow, fog and cold to abandon their desperate efforts and to return to their base.

Chancellor Hitler took a close personal interest in the rescue work and ordered fifty experienced climbers of the Alpine Station of the nearby Reichenhall Garrison, led by the well known alpinist, First Lieutenant Rathel, to assist in a new attempt, which was eventually successful.

With their last effort, the boys again started to climb and meet their rescuers, who were lowered by ropes. Despite the continuous danger of avalanches, it is hoped that the two boys will now be brought to safety. — Trans-Ocean.

EX-KINGS MEET IN VIENNA

DUKE OF WINDSOR
AND ALFONSO

HOTEL PARTY OF
THREE

Vienna, To-day.

H.R.H. the Duke of Windsor was the guest at a luncheon given by ex-King Alfonso of Spain, at the Hotel Imperial at which the only other person present was the former King of Spain's son, Prince Jaime.

After a stay of an hour, Ex-King Alfonso accompanied the Duke of Windsor to the latter's car outside the hotel, where a crowd quickly gathered and cheered the Duke, who immediately returned to Emersfeld Castle. — Reuter.

REPORT DENIED

FRENCH AMBASSADOR
STILL IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The French Ambassador to Berlin, M. Francois Poncet, has, Trans-Ocean learns, contrary to various reports in the Press, not left the German capital, having postponed his planned trip to Paris.

M. Poncet will be present at the reception to the Diplomatic Corps by Chancellor Hitler on Monday next. — Trans-Ocean.

LILLE STRIKE

Paris, To-day.

The metallurgical strike in the city and region of Lille will be terminated by a compulsory arbitration, and it is announced that work will be resumed on Monday next. — Trans-Ocean.

CIVIL WAR MENACE AGAIN LOOMS IN SHENSI

NANKING FORCES
MOVING UP

YANG HU-CHEN IN
REVOLT

Nanking, To-day.

Fresh crisis threatens in Sian, and a civil war threat has loomed up sharply with the sudden cancellation of withdrawal orders to the Central Government troops.

Chang Hsueh-liang's submission to Nanking has not pleased other military leaders in Shensi, who are virtually in revolt.

Central Government troops which have been withdrawing from Shensi since Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's release on December 25, have now been ordered to return immediately as a result of the defiant attitude of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang's and General Yang Hu-chen's forces, who are opposing the reorganisation of the Shensi Provincial Government and the military administration in North-West China.

General Yang Hu-chen is reported to have proclaimed himself Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Shensi.

Skirmishing has occurred at the Hwah Sien, the Lung Hai railway town some 50 miles to the east of Sianfu, where it is feared that a major clash is imminent, although Nanking are doing their utmost to achieve a peaceful solution. — Reuter.

THE YOUNG MARSHAL

Canton, To-day.

Mr. T. V. Soong, is reported to be flying to Fenghuang again, to urge the Generalissimo to appeal to the State Council to restore civil rights to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, who is staying in the residence of Dr. H. H. Kung, acting President of the Executive Yuan. — Our Own Correspondent.

BRITISH VESSEL IN COLLISION

SPANISH SHIP SUNK OFF
RIBA DISTRICT

Santander, To-day.

According to a message from Gijon an English steamer collided with the Spanish ship Jose Maria off Riba.

The Spanish ship sank in a few minutes, the whole crew of 20, it is stated, being drowned. — Trans-Ocean.

MORE ATROCITY STORIES

REIGN OF TERROR
IN BARCELONA

100 EXECUTIONS
DAILY

Paris, To-day.

Further atrocities alleged to have been committed by the Spanish Reds are recounted by the "Echo de Paris," which states that the Deputy for Girona, Luis Pinol, has been shot in Catalonia.

In the former Monastery of San Gervasio in Barcelona, according to the paper, the Catalan "Cheka" now has its headquarters and about 100 persons are being executed daily.

In order to remove all traces of these crimes, the bodies of the victims are burned in a neighbouring cement factory.

The head of the Catalan "Cheka" is an individual named Riera, who, says the paper, has been condemned to death on no less than 83 occasions by various courts in the country.

Among most recent victims was the Professor of Philosophy at Barcelona University, Thomas Carreras Artan.

"Echo de Paris" asserts that on hearing of the murder in Madrid of the Anarchist leader, Durruti, the Barcelona "Cheka" organised wholesale massacres of prisoners.

Barcelona's anarchists have now definitely thrown down the gauntlet to all other Catalan parties, especially the party known as Estad Catalan, which is composed of supporters of President Companys, and numerous members of which have been executed. — Trans-Ocean.

CHURCHILL'S NEPHEW AT THE FRONT

MADRID USED TO
DEATH

London, To-day.

In a message to the newspaper "Star," the nephew of Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Esmond Romilly, who is fighting as a volunteer for the Valencia Government, states that he is in the ranks of the "Thaelmann Battalion" which he says, is always put into action where the fighting is hottest.

In Madrid, he writes, everything is quiet. The "people" there have got used to death. Troops were well supplied with food, but Spain needed aeroplanes above all things, since General Franco would not be in a position to accomplish anything if it were not for his superiority in the air. — Trans-Ocean.



Sporting Page



ALL-JAPAN HOCKEY ACES ARRIVE FOR SERIES OF 8 GAMES

BADMINTON OPEN REQUIRES TO BE REORGANISED

NO PROVISION FOR THE YOUNGER PLAYERS

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP WOULD BE WELCOMED

(By "ADREM")

THE FIRST ANNUAL COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION, COMMENCING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26. ALL MEMBERS OF CLUBS AFFILIATED TO THE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE.

In order to make matters more interesting for the weaker clubs, teams participating in the Men's Doubles League have been segregated into two divisions, each of which consist of seven teams.

It is an acknowledged fact in Hong Kong that the standard of badminton played in the junior division falls a long way short of that played in the senior, but, despite this, members of the seven clubs participating in the junior division will be compelled to compete on an equal footing with the members of the other seven clubs. What will be the result? Junior division players will be loath to compete.

It will be argued that an inferior performer, at any game improves when playing against better players. While not disputing the truth of that statement, I would point out the comparative youth of badminton in Hong Kong, and the fact that a large number of players, although having reached quite a fair standard, have not altogether got over the inferiority complex the lack of experience in any game engenders.

Take for instance the case of a junior member of a club like St. Andrew's, which runs a team in both divisions of the league. There are probably seven or eight players very much superior to himself in the Club. As St. Andrew's "A" figure only in about the middle of the senior table what would be the feeling of this player, however keen, at the thought of meeting in the championships players of the standard set by Recreation "A" and University "A"? ... he would almost certainly not enter, for fear of making himself ridiculous.

Tournament Will Not Prove Beneficial

That is the point. The aim of the Association is presumably to further interest in and improve the standard of the game. With the championships organised as they are at the moment, entries will probably be attracted from only about half the teams affiliated to the League. At this stage of the proceedings everything possible should be done to encourage beginners, and that is where I think the present organisation of the tournament falls short. The players who have already reached a high standard are receiving the encouragement which the more inferior players should have.

In Malaya junior championships are held. Why not have them in Hong Kong? From enquiries I have made at the various junior clubs, I am quite certain that the idea would be enthusiastically received. Furthermore, an offer of a challenge trophy has been made by a gentleman interested in the development of the game.

What about it the Association? Announce the fact that entries will be divided into two grades—it is not too late—and results will justify the rearrangement.

BROMWICH IMPROVES

After eliminating Adrian Quist, John Bromwich, Australia's new tennis sensation, extended Jack Crawford to 6-4, 3-6, 1-6, 11-9, 6-2 before losing the Final of the New South Wales State Championship.



Despite the fact that Ted Drake, above, was injured in the second half, Arsenal held Everton to a one-all draw before 55,000 spectators at Highbury on December 26.



RACING TO-MORROW

"Rapiers" racing notes will appear to-morrow.

University Mixed Doubles Team In Action To-night

FOR the first time in the history of the Hong Kong Badminton Association a mixed doubles combination from the Hong Kong University will be seen in action to-night, when they encounter Club de Recreio "A", the present holders of the championship, at King's Park.

Miss Ulian Khoo, who represented the Chinese Recreation Club in the Mixed Doubles last season, will be playing her first League match this season, being partnered with P. K. Hui, who, according to reports, is considered to rank among the foremost players in the Colony.

T. C. Lee, who figured prominently in partnership with P. K. Chan, for Elliot Hall, last season in the Men's Doubles, will partner Miss J. Choa, who is very fast on the court, while C. H. Soon, another of Elliot Hall's senior players, will be paired with Miss L. Leung.

Recreio "A" are not making any changes in their team, which should carry off the evening's honours with comparative ease.

WINNING OF TOSS COUNTS FOR TOO MUCH IN TEST CRICKET

THE value of winning the toss has been clearly shown in the three Test matches of the present series—at Brisbane England won the toss and the game by 322 runs; at Sydney she again batted first and won by an innings and 22 runs; and at Melbourne Australia won the toss for a change and won the match by 385 runs. None of the three wins were small ones and only go to prove that a ruling to do away with the luck connected with the spin of the coin is needed. A local cricketer suggested to me that it should be decided that one of the two captains should be given the choice of batting or fielding in the first Test, the other captain in the second and so on until the fifth, which would be left to the spin of the coin. The suggestion is novel, but little else, I fear.

DESPITE Don Bradman's match-winning innings of 270, I am inclined to believe that Hammond is the greater menace on the Australian wickets, the extra pace of which suits his style so well. He requires less time to make his strokes—and the quality of Hammond in his full glory is due so much to the perfect attainment of eye and wrist. On the other hand, Bradman finds the slower English wickets ideal and he usually makes his stroke later. Of the two Bradman is the more daring, Hammond the more polished.



Fred Perry, above, made "Big Bill" Tilden sit up and take notice during his match with Vines last Wednesday. Vines was "murdered," not Perry!

LEYLAND'S century, his fifth against Australia, brings to mind the fact that during his first tour of Australia he was not selected until the final Test, when he scored 137 and 53 not out. Though he batted well during his second tour he failed to reach three figures. In 1934 in England, however, he scored 102 at Leeds.

SKIPPER STATES THAT WITH LUCK THEY HOPE TO BEAT COLONY COMBINATION

STYMIE TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST

R. AND A. STAND FIRM AGAINST BREAKING WITH TRADITION

There are many who believe that the Scottish golfer Jock Maclean would have won the American Amateur but for being stymied at the 34th hole in the final against Fischer.

The incident has brought a crop of protests from those who advocate its abolition. They contend that it is not sporting, and that it is the outcome of sheer luck, and that luck has no rightful place in championship golf. It is also pointed out that golf is essentially a game in which there is no interference from the opponent, and yet the stymie abrogates this fundamental law.

It is noteworthy that a vote taken of the competitors in the American championship showed 80 per cent. against the stymie. And yet, early this year, the United States Golf Association announced that, as a result of negotiations with the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, both organisations had declared against the abolition of the stymie. However, the Western Association, an influential body, has abolished the stymie.

CONSERVATIVE R. AND A.

The R. and A. stands firm against breaking with tradition and regards the stymie as an integral part of the game. Supporting it are a number of noted British critics.

"M.V." writing in *The Observer*, says that the stymie is a golf shot requiring skill and delicacy of touch. Most stymies can be negotiated either by lifting over or screwing round the opponent's ball. Further, the fact is overlooked that most stymies are the fault of the player himself, for, if the approach putt were properly executed, the possibility of a stymie cannot arise. The player leaves himself open for a stymie, and when it arises he raises his hands aloft and cries for justice. But he seems

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Prefer To Play On Soft Ground

NO ENCOUNTERS WHILE IN SHANGHAI

NOT GOING TO MALAYA

(By "ADREM")

LOOKING VERY FIT AND EAGERLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR HOCKEY PROGRAMME, THE WASEDA UNIVERSITY HOCKEY TEAM ARRIVED AT 9.45 LAST NIGHT BY THE S.S. TAIYO MARU AFTER A FAIRLY GOOD TRIP FROM SHANGHAI.

It was revealed that although the original idea was to continue the tour to Malaya, it was now found to be impossible owing to the fact that the University term starts on the 10th of this month and if the former programme had been adhered to, they would not arrive back in Japan before February 16.

Contrary to general belief, no matches were played in Shanghai as the Taiyo Maru did not stay in that port long enough to allow the team to go ashore.

Waseda University have an extraordinarily fine hockey record. Last season they won the Universities' championship without the loss of a game, although they drew their first fixture against Rikkyo. They then took part in the All-Japan competition and were successful in the Final against Kyoto Imperial University by seven goals to nil!

Their record in the inter-University competition was as follows: drew with Rikkyo 2-2, beat Hosei 11-0, beat Commercial College 3-0, beat Meiji 4-3, beat Keio 2-0.

A match was then played against the champions for 1935, Meiji Old Boys, who were defeated by two goals to nil.

WELL-BALANCED TEAM

Waseda are stated to have a very well-balanced team and, al-

though none of the team have received international recognition, M. Sugawara, the right-wing, was selected as a reserve for the Olympic Games. Their finest forward is K. Kawai, the inside-right and their most prolific goal-scorer. Another very good player is the captain of the team, T. Yamada, who plays centre-half and who leads a most reliable defence.

In the Interport match to be played next Sunday, the following team has been selected:

M. Onizuka; M. Ishihara and S. Kawahara; K. Kurosaki, T. Yamada and H. Tomita; M. Sugawara, K. Kawai, T. Yonemaru, S. Masamura and Y. Shimoda.

In addition to the above players, M. Kawashima, T. Takeishi and M. Yamamoto are travelling as reserves, while the team is in charge of Mr. Y. Shinjyo, with Mr. S. Kojima as coach.

SOFT GROUND PREFERRED

Most members of the team state that they prefer playing on soft grounds and, in view of the fact that we are likely to have a certain amount of rain in the next few days, they will have the advantage of playing in conditions to which they are accustomed.

The whole side are in the best of spirits and the captain told me that, provided they had a certain amount of luck, they hoped to win.

Japan has never been particularly well-known for its hockey, but I learned last night that the game has been played there for the past 35 years and no less than 21 teams participated in the last All-Japan championship. The Japanese season is very short and only lasts from September until November, when the extreme cold curtails the programme.

If the Waseda University's record is anything to go by, Hong Kong will have a hard fight next Sunday, when a very fine game should result.

ARMY NEW CHAMPIONS

As the result of the Club, who played 10 men, holding the Navy to a 3-3 draw, the Army have won the Triangular Hockey Tournament.

Lt. Donald and Lt. Wright (2) scored for the Navy and G. E. R. Divett and S. Fowler (2) for the Club.

PROGRAMME FOR VISITORS

The following is the programme arranged for the Waseda University Hockey team:

To-day—Practice at King's Park.

To-morrow v. Combined Services (U.S.R.C. ground) 1 p.m.

Sunday v. Colony (Navy ground) 3.30 p.m.

Monday v. Navy (Navy ground) 4.15 p.m.

Wednesday v. Army (Navy ground) 4.15 p.m.

Thursday v. University (Navy ground) 4.15 p.m.

Saturday v. Argonauta (Navy ground) 4 p.m.

Sunday v. Civilians (Navy ground) 4 p.m.

FARCICAL INTERPORT PRACTICE

NINE OF FIFTEEN TURN UP

SEVEN PLAYERS EXCEL

(By "ADREM")

A more disappointing game would be difficult to imagine than that yesterday at King's Park, where the "Interport" hockey eleven lost to the Hong Kong and Singapore Brigade, R. A. by 4 goals to 3 on the Navy ground.

The Waseda University hockey team arrived last night, so this was the last trial to be held before the Interport clash on Sunday!

As already announced, the Hockey Association have not yet selected the final eleven, but have nominated 15 players. Presumably, yesterday's game was therefore arranged with a view to deciding upon the best combination possible. If this is correct, I find it very difficult to understand several things.

To start with, when the game commenced no member of the selection committee was present, while several of the 15 members of the Colony team had received no official notification that their presence was required and as a result only nine put in an appearance!

Of course there may be some very good reason why the remaining six players were not present, but the fact remains that the Colony side were forced to take the field with two men from the H.K.S.R.A. and Wraith, selected as an inside-right, filling the left-half position.

It is not at all surprising therefore that the team lost.

Good Combination

The chief feature of a most uninteresting game was the fine combination displayed by Lt. Thornhill, inside-left, Pyars Singh, centre-forward, Lt. Wright, inside-right, and Lt. Donald, on the right wing. These players, especially Wright and Pyars Singh, were responsible for some splendid movements in the first half and displayed an understanding of each other's play that augers well for the future.

Gosnells was very good in the pivotal position and gave a performance which should earn him his place.

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COLONY V SHANGHAI AT CAUSEWAY BAY

RESIDENTIAL STATUS PROBLEM RAISED

NO NEED FOR OUTCRY

(By "ROVER")

AS stated in these columns recently the greatest problem facing the selectors of the Interport football team is the centre-forward berth and it will be pleasing to followers of the game to learn that Lee Wai-tong, last year's centre-forward and captain, will be playing regularly for the remainder of the season. The worries of the selectors have now been set at rest by the fact that he will be available.

Lee, it is said, has lost some of his dash, but with a little more practice and training he is certain to regain the "fire" which delighted the hearts of so many of his admirers.

The Interport Committee held another meeting on Wednesday, at which it was decided that the Interport on Thursday, February 11, be played on the Naval ground at Causeway Bay, and not on the Club ground as in former years. The game against the Combined Chinese will be at Caroline Hill and the match against the United Services at Sookumpoo.

The Chinese footballers in Canton, consider Hong Kong more their home than Canton. They have their families here, they have learned the game here and they have been playing football for several seasons in the Hong Kong League and there is really no reason for the outcry questioning their residential qualification. They consider it the greatest honour to represent Hong Kong, if selected, and I am sure that there will be no difficulty regarding their ability to be in the Colony during Interport week, an important Chinese football official told me yesterday in the course of an interview.

The Interport ruling covering residence was fully aired recently, he continued, adding that he was glad that the matter would soon be cleared up once and for all.

CLUB JUNIOR TEAM

The following will represent the Club juniors against the Navy in the Second Division of the Football League to-morrow: Stephens, Kemp and Krilovsky; Purvis, Millington and Shaw; Williams (P), Milne, Stone, Fowler and Sloan.

LOSS TO HOME RUGBY

Fyfe Leaves For India

London, December 29.

Rugby football at Home is the poorer by the departure of K. C. Fyfe for India, where he will be engaged in the cotton business for several years.

Going to Cambridge, he won his Blue and his international cap for Scotland in the same season. In his fourth year he captained the "varsity" and also led Scotland against Wales. He now possesses nine caps.

WELSH RUGGER FIFTEEN

London, To-day.

The following will represent Wales, last year's winners, against England in the first game of the International Rugby series at Twickenham on Saturday January 16:

V. G. J. Jenkins (London Welsh); J. Idwal Rees (Swansea); Claude Davy (Swansea); W. Wooller (Cardiff); and Clement (Llanelli); Hayden Tanner (Swansea); Bryn Evans (Llanelli); T. J. Rees (Newport); Emrys Evans (Llanelli); Harold Thomas (Cardiff); D. J. Thomas (Neath); J. Peng (Llanelli); A. M. Rees (London Welsh) and E. Long (Swansea).—Reuter.

PEARCE CUP DRAW

SAINTS BOOKED
FOR FINAL

Holders Given Rough
Passage

SURPRISE MOVE BY AUTHORITIES

The draw for the Pearce Cup Seven-A-Side ladies' hockey tournament has resulted in the almost certain entry into the Final of St. Andrew's Ladies, while the holders for the past two seasons, the "Y" Ladies, will have to be at their best to dispose of the Hong Kong Ladies to reach the Final.

It was at first decided that, in order to make the tournament a little more exciting, the draw would be made on the ground, and the announcement yesterday that the draw had already been made caused quite a stir in ladies' hockey circles.

The Draw

The draw, in correct order, for the tournament, which will be held to-morrow on the Central British School ground, commencing at 2.45 p.m., is as follows:

Byes Into Second Round
Recreio v Diocesan G.S.
Fusilier Ladies v St. Andrew's
C.B.S. v "Y" Ladies
H.K. Ladies

C.B.A. First Round Rifles Ladies

The following are the selected teams:

C.B.A.—J. Walker, F. Best, L. Woolley, O. Peters; A. N. Other, Mrs. Burton, D. Hunt.

R.B.S.—M. Fraser; J. Booker, M. McCaw, C. Bone; M. Booker, D. McCaw, P. Baxter.

H.K. Ladies—E. Gray, J. Dalziel, E. Pope, C. Glover; W. Marsh, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Donald.

Recreio—C. Osmund, O. Botelho; Mrs. Silva, A. Xavier; M. Roza, C. Silva, A. Alves.

St. Andrew's—G. White, L. Cross; J. Humphreys, J. Wong; F. Wong, M. Roza, P. Gittins. Reserve: S. West.

R.U.R.—Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hole, W. Hamon; Mrs. Ewood, E. Hamon, Mrs. McVerlan, E.W.F.—Mrs. Witham, Mrs. Cowan; Mrs. Kidgell, Mrs. MacGuinness; Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Dandy.

"Y"—A. Fowler; E. Thomson, S. Smith, S. Dalziel; O. Dalziel, V. Bradbury, M. Weston.

P.O.S.—not yet received.

At the conclusion of the tournament Mrs. T. E. Pearce, donor of the trophy, will present the Pearce Cup to the winners and the Knill Cup, formerly for the winners of the junior competition, to the runners-up.

Last year there was a senior and junior division, but this year the two have been amalgamated.

R.A.O.C. OUT FOR 13

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps were dismissed for 13 runs by the Diocesan Boys' School on Wednesday, the School winning by 182 runs.

Against the deadly bowling of the Rev. C. E. R. Sargent (8 for 6), only three R.A.O.C. batsmen scored! E. Fisher took the other two wickets for 5 runs. F. Ley (68), G. Kew (39 not out), Rev. C.B.R. Sargent (30) and A. Maccauley (23 not out) were the top scorers for the School.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club in League Cricket games to-morrow, commencing at 2 p.m.

1st XI vs. University at Pokfulam: A. W. Hayward (Captain), J. F. Barron, V. C. Bond, A. C. I. Bowker, R. D. Gillespie, R. L. Holden, J. F. Leys, E. J. E. Mitchell, H. B. Neve, T. A. Pearce and T. E. Pearce.

2nd XI vs. Army "A" on the H.K.C.C. ground: A. K. MacKenzie (Captain), E. Bathurst, F. A. Dunnett, N. P. Fox, C. E. Gahagan, B. M. King, E. A. Murray, J. E. Potter, W. Stoker, J. R. Way and W. Wooding.



Henry Cotton, seen above, averaged 71.67 last year, one-third of a stroke behind Alfred Padgham among the leading British professionals.

LADIES' GOLF RESULTS MRS. MULCAHY QUALIFIES FOR CAPTAIN'S CUP

The Captain's Cup of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, played on the 2nd and 3rd rounds by February 13; New Course at Fanling, resulted, 4th round by February 23; Semi-final by March 6.

In the above competitions the first-named player is responsible for fixing the match; if the result is not posted on the closing date for the round the second-named player goes into the next round. Two prizes kindly presented by Lady MacGregor will be played for on Tuesday, February 16, as follows:

(1) Medal Competition on the New Course, Fanling, for players of handicaps of 36 only.

(2) Medal Competition on the New Course, Fanling, for all players of handicaps other than 36.

The following is the draw for the Captain's Cup:

Byes—Miss Goodrich v. Mrs. Mulcahy; Mrs. Kirk v. Mrs. Hillier.

First Round—Mrs. McGowan v. Mrs. Macadam; Mrs. Prophet v. Mrs. Macintosh; Mrs. C. B. Brown v. Mrs. Sherry; Miss Robinson v. Mrs. Roberts.

The first round is to be played by January 23; second round by February 6; semi-final by February 20.

Championship Draw
The draw for the Championship is as follows:

Byes—Mrs. Garner v. Mrs. S. Mills; A. K. MacKenzie v. Mrs. Roffey; Mrs. Cassidy v. Mrs. Hillier; Miss Goodrich v. Mrs. McGowan v. Mrs. McDonald v. Mrs. Forbes; Mrs. Sheldon v. Mrs. Withington; Mrs. Garnett v. Mrs. Redmond.

First Round—Mrs. Lissaman v. Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. Gilmore v. Mrs. Robinson.

First round to be played by January 19; second round by February 2; third round by February 16; semi-final by March 2.

Ross Cup Draw
The following is the draw for the Ross Cup:

Byes—Miss Stevenson v. Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. Garnett v. Mrs. Roffey; Mrs. Gilmore v. Mrs. Glover; Mrs. Lissaman v. Mrs. Challinor; Mrs. Roberts v. Miss Curtin; Mrs. Crapnell v. Mrs. McGowan; Mrs. Lambert v. Mrs. Valentine v. Mrs. W. J. E. MacKenzie v. Mrs. Stewart; Mrs. Mundy v. Mrs. McDonald; Mrs. Maistland v. Mrs. S. Mills; Mrs. Smalley v. Mrs. Dovey.

First Round—Mrs. Wolf v. Mrs. Harrop; Mrs. Woodhouse v. Mrs. Kay; Mrs. Woodward v. Mrs. Marsh; Mrs. Overy v. Mrs. Macintosh; Mrs. E. A. Mills v. Mrs. A. K. MacKenzie; Mrs. Withington v. Mrs. Prophet.

TRANSFERS

BIG EFFECT ON
CHAMPIONSHIP
RACE

TANG RETURNS
TO ATHLETIC

(By "ROVER")

Several important transfers took place last week between senior clubs taking part in the Hong Kong Football League and though, on the face of things, they were nothing out of the ordinary, these transfers may have a great bearing on the championship.

The transfer of Tang Kwong-sum from the Kowloon Chinese to the Athletic enabled the latter team to fully extend the Rifles in the First Division last Sunday, while the inclusion of Lau Cheung-sang, formerly of Kowloon Chinese, in South China "B" adequately filled the gap caused by the suspension of Ng Po-ku.

Lau is as good, if not better than Ng and it is certain that he greatly assisted his club in sharing the valuable points with the Fusiliers.

Another player who changed clubs last week was G. White, of Kowloon, who was seen in the Saints' colours against South China "A".

The arrival of White was most opportune for the Saints as they had both Ward and Castille on the injured list and none of their junior players could have filled the position as well as White.

The above transfers were in accordance with the rules of the First Division.

ARMY WILL MEET CLUB TO-MORROW

THE TRIANGULAR
RUGBY SERIES

CIVILIANS NEED
ONLY ONE WIN

The Army will meet the Club in the first of their remaining two matches in the Triangular Rugby Tournament to-morrow on the Club ground at Happy Valley, commencing at 4 p.m. Four matches of the series have already been played as follows:

December, 5 Club beat Navy 19-6
December, 12 Navy beat Army 11-0
December, 19 Club beat Navy 13-10
January, 2 Navy beat Army 10-3

If the Army can beat the Club in their two remaining matches, honours will be equally divided for the season, but if the Club can secure one more win they will deprive the Army of the trophy they deservedly won last year.

The Army have been unlucky with injuries this season and have been unable to field a full side regularly, but Floyd and Davies are now back on the active list and will turn out to-morrow.

This game will be preceded at 2.45 p.m. by a match between the China Fleet Engine Room Artillery XV and the Club "A" XV. Mr. D. W. MacEwen will referee the Triangular Tournament game and Mr. H. W. L. Ewin the "A" XV fixture.

The Army and Club teams are as follows:

Army—Fus. Barry, Fus. Floyd, Cpl. Davies, Fus. Keishaw, Spr. Boyling, L/C. Lewis, Fus. France, L. Lincoln (Captain), Fus. Watkins, Gnr. Wright, Fus. Chaney, L/C. Bebb, Cpl. Harrison, Capt. Gillespie, Fus. Morgan.
Club—J. P. Whitham, G. K. Chadwick, W. E. Grieve, H. D. Bidwell, K. A. Munro, A. H. E. Butler, J. L. Bonnar, A. F. Walkden (Captain), W. E. Peers, T. H. Pratt, I. H. Bradford, A. W. Holden, N. E. Clark, K. A. Watson and B. O'M. Deane.

Club "A" XV—M. H. Curtis, H. F. Hopkins, J. S. Forbes, A. F. Read, H. van Leeuwen, J. Hutchinson (Captain), J. Henderson, D. E. Paul, J. Salter, W. Schnabel, T. Redman, B. Hynes, A. F. Russell, T. Swan and H. W. E. Heath.

Association, which require the mutual consent of the parties, but it is felt in some quarters that the question of transfers at this stage of the competition should be carefully considered so that no undue advantage can be taken at this very interesting stage in the



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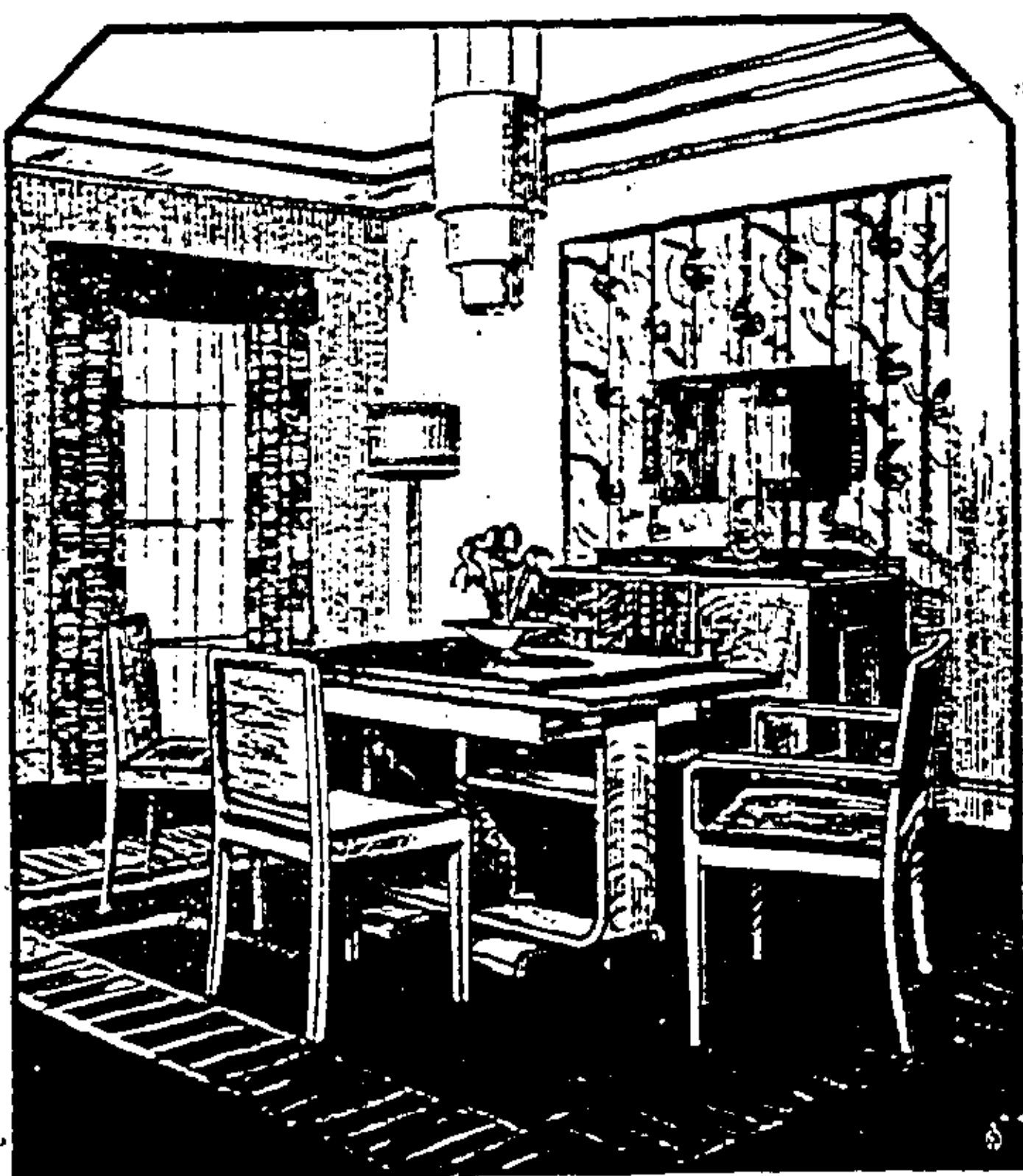
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Hong Kong, Friday, January 8, 1937

MR. EDEN AND THE VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Eden's urgent demand for Italian and German replies to the Anglo-French demarche concerning the swelling ranks of the Volunteers in Spain comes neatly, as usual, when the nature of the response has lost importance.

Sufficient forces, from Italy, from Germany and from Ireland, have joined General Franco in the last few weeks to encourage belief that the Madrid stalemate will soon be broken and the Nationalist internationalists sweeping through the streets of the capital.

Heavy guns are belching forth and a large-scale offensive is now in the making. The activity represents General Franco's last bid for the psychological advantage which the capture of Madrid would confer upon his cause. And should it fail, he will look in vain, we imagine, for further outside aid. It is a safe presumption that, whether or not German and Italian assistance has been made possible by official connivance, Fascism and National Socialism have gone as far as they are prepared to go.

Replies to Mr. Eden may be couched in indulgent phraseology without disturbing anybody's complacency.

What Of The Spanish?

Midst the talk and propaganda that has centred upon the influx of foreign nationals, jumping into the forefront of what began as a civil war, the idea has been cultivated that the position on both sides of the front is strictly comparable.

Most men serving in the so-called "International Brigade" of the Valencia Government may be classified, without putting too fine a point upon it, as adventurers and idealists.

Political quarters would find in the situation much less cause for perturbation if all the circumstances did not lead to the conviction that while General Franco's reinforcements may not be, as it is asserted they are, hand-picked by governmental agencies, they are undoubtedly the instruments of national policy.

Not that the distinction is of vital importance. Neither group earns plaudits. They serve merely to emphasise, such is Spanish feeling on the issues at stake, that be it Burgos or Valencia, neither can arouse sufficient popular spontaneous support to carry them through to a people-mandated victory.

Antioch

France and Turkey find themselves at a dangerous variance over administrative rights in Antioch and Alexandretta.

These, of course, are days when developments of this nature take no-one by surprise. It is difficult to dissociate Turkish claims from France's grave preoccupations in Europe. Background of the trouble is not altogether clear. France

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Norman Frederick Deitz, the well-known jockey, residing at 10 For Street, second floor, and Miss Lydia Maria Neill, student, staying at the Hotel Cecil.

Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, Hong Kong Manager of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. is proceeding on home leave on March 20. In his absence, Mr. W. Sharp, the resident secretary, will take charge of the local office.

Mr. MacNab, Agency Superintendent of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company is arriving here on a business trip, tomorrow.

Mr. C. W. Balman, popularly known as "Bunny," formerly of Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co., Ltd. arrived in the Colony last week on a short business visit. Mr. Balman is now Far Eastern representative of Messrs. Peak Frean and Company, Ltd. and is en route to Australia and New Zealand.

A return issued by the St. John Ambulance New Territories Medical Benevolent Branch shows that during December, 11,758 cases were treated, including 4,171 new ones. Altogether 1,992 cases were seen by doctors.

The engagement is announced between Mr. John Ferguson McGowan, steward of the Government Civil Hospital, and Mrs. Lillian May Fitzgerald, of No. 2, College View, Hong Kong. The wedding is expected to take place on March 27. Mr. McGowan played for Hong Kong in the last Bowls' Interport against Shanghai, and is a regular player for the Civil Service Cricket Club, for whom he also plays cricket.

Mr. A.-M. Abbas, of Messrs. A. Grossart and Miss Molly Midah de Sa, were married last night according to Mohammedan rites by the Mulvi Noor Shah at Mrs. Abbas's residence in Leighton Hill Road. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. de Sa of Sharp Street East and sister of Mr. Henry de Sa, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. The bridegroom is the fifth son of the late Mr. A. R. Abbas and Mrs. Abbas.

TWO JAPANESE IN NEW INCIDENT

UMBRELLA HAWKER FAILS TO SEE JOKE

Two Japanese were brought before the Japanese Consular Court in Shanghai on Tuesday on a charge of assault growing out of another "incident," which occurred in Chengtu Road on Sunday afternoon, near the Chengtu Road Police Station. The dramatic personae were the two Japanese, a Chinese hawk, various passers-by and a Chinese police constable. It was reported that the two Japanese walking along Chengtu Road in gay holiday mood, thought it would be good sporting fun to seize two umbrellas which the hawk was carrying in a basket. The Chinese, who had not celebrated any holiday, failed to see the joke and attempted to keep his umbrellas. Words led to agitated gestures and gestures to blows. The Chinese received a bloody nose from one of the Japanese.

At this juncture a crowd had gathered and they took the side of the hawk. Before further trouble occurred, however, a C.P.C. appeared on the scene and he took the three principals to the Chengtu Road Station, where the Japanese were charged with assault. The Japanese press, in describing the incident, vividly referred to a crowd of Chinese "yielding lengths of bamboo and bludgeons, hitting the Japanese without provocation."

has controlled the administration of these districts hitherto, though it is admitted that they are not strictly within the Syrian mandated territory. The French justify their position by asserting that amputation of Antioch and Alexandretta from Syria would create a deplorable impression upon Arab opinion and be highly damaging to the commercial interests of the districts.

Turkey, playing opportunist, suggests willingness to submit the problem to the League and to arbitration, while hinting that an unfavourable decision would be treated as an affront.

U.S. THINKS BRITAIN IS IN "PURITAN DARK AGES"

Calm In Crisis Taken For Callousness

THE following account of the reaction in the U.S.A. to the abdication of King Edward is by a Washington Correspondent.

King Edward's abdication has been a profound shock to the whole of the United States. The belief that some way could be found in which the British Monarch, whose popularity in the United States is unprecedented, could remain on the Throne persisted to the last.

The "happy ending" is as much an American institution as Plymouth Rock, so that the American public identifies itself all the more strongly with the tragic reality.

"I feel as though I had been told of murder done in the dark," said Mr. Upton Sinclair, the Socialist author. His words reflect the underlying bitterness of great masses of the American people who feel that with different management a different result might have been reached.

The calmness with which the British Press and public spokesmen accept the abdication of a King who has done so much to increase good feeling towards the Empire throughout the world is felt here to border on callousness.

Parliament, Press, and the Church in combination have stripped the Empire of its greatest asset, but Great Britain, a nation of shopkeepers to the core, appears chiefly concerned over the loss of profits they would hope to filch from the pockets of American and other tourists at the Coronation.

Perhaps, suggested Mr. Arthur Brisbane, by hurrying up the Coronation of the next King they may avoid the loss of 150,000,000 dollars — "that would break the hearts of English tradesmen."

An Informed Public

The American public has been familiar with the subject for longer than the British. They have had ample time to discuss it and form an opinion. Before the English Press printed the news it had made up its mind that groups in England secretly opposing the King's marriage were wrong and that the King was right.

When one remembers the historical forces which brought the American Republic to birth it is astounding to find now such scorn and contempt heaped upon the British Parliament and such support given to the Crown. The Crown has been called the defen-

der of Democratic principles, and the Cabinet condemned as Tory and reactionary.

This apparent paradox is explained in part by the fact that in the United States Democracy is considered more as an attitude of mind and a method of behaviour than as a form of government. Some actions and beliefs are Democratic; others are not. The word is almost a synonym for "broad-minded and tolerant." The antonym is "intolerant and snobbish."

King Edward is felt in the United States to have been thoroughly Democratic in all his words and acts in this sense. The forces of inertia, complacency, bigotry, and mediocrity are felt to have ranged themselves in alarm against him.

Frequent comparisons have been made between the King and President Roosevelt. Both are modern in every sense of the word, and have shocked those wedded to conventional and traditional standards.

Supremacy Of Parliament

The pleas that the supremacy of Parliament was threatened by the King's desire to marry an alien, whose marriages have been dissolved by divorce, appeared unreal here. Parliament's interference in so personal a matter as the choice of a wife seemed a tyrannical act and a gross infringement of the liberty of the individual.

Divorce is not looked upon in quite the same way in the United States as in England. In fact, as far as the moral side of the matter is concerned, it is held here to be far more repugnant to the best human instincts to insist, as was done universally in less enlightened times, upon forced marriages and arranged matches than to accept marriage with a woman who has not found happiness in a previous marriage and has had it dissolved.

Britain is felt to be still in the Puritan dark ages of morality. The same narrow-minded forces which in the United States foisted Prohibition on the country are felt to be dominant, and the cartoonist's genial figure of John Bull to be a sham and a fraud.

The "Mysterious" Constitution

There is another reason why the action of the British Parliament is felt to be undemocratic. Among the queries constantly put by

American colleagues was what was this "mysterious British Constitution" which was suddenly produced from nowhere and which the King, through wishing to perform an admittedly legal act, had apparently violated? If traditional, where could an authentic summary be found? Did each successive Prime Minister become its divine repository—a sort of top-hatted Dalai Lama?

America, too, has a Constitution, to which, constant appeals are made by unprogressive elements opposed to New Deal measures. But, being a written document, all know its terms, which can, moreover, be changed.

It was natural to jump to the conclusion that British elements which were appealing to their Constitution should be unprogressive, and to feel that the much-criticised powers of the Supreme Court were preferable to a system in which the Constitution was what the Government said it was simply because the Government had said it.

Finally, a word should be said on American condemnation of the British Press. It is blamed, first of all, for suppressing information of the King's affection for Mrs. Simpson and depriving the public of the opportunity to judge the matter for itself. It is condemned even more severely for attempting to make the American Press the scapegoat for the whole matter.

Press Criticised

In an editorial entitled, "Sure, it's our Fault," the "New York News" expresses the general view when it maintains that the British Press handled the Simpson story clumsily, mistakenly, and cravenly.

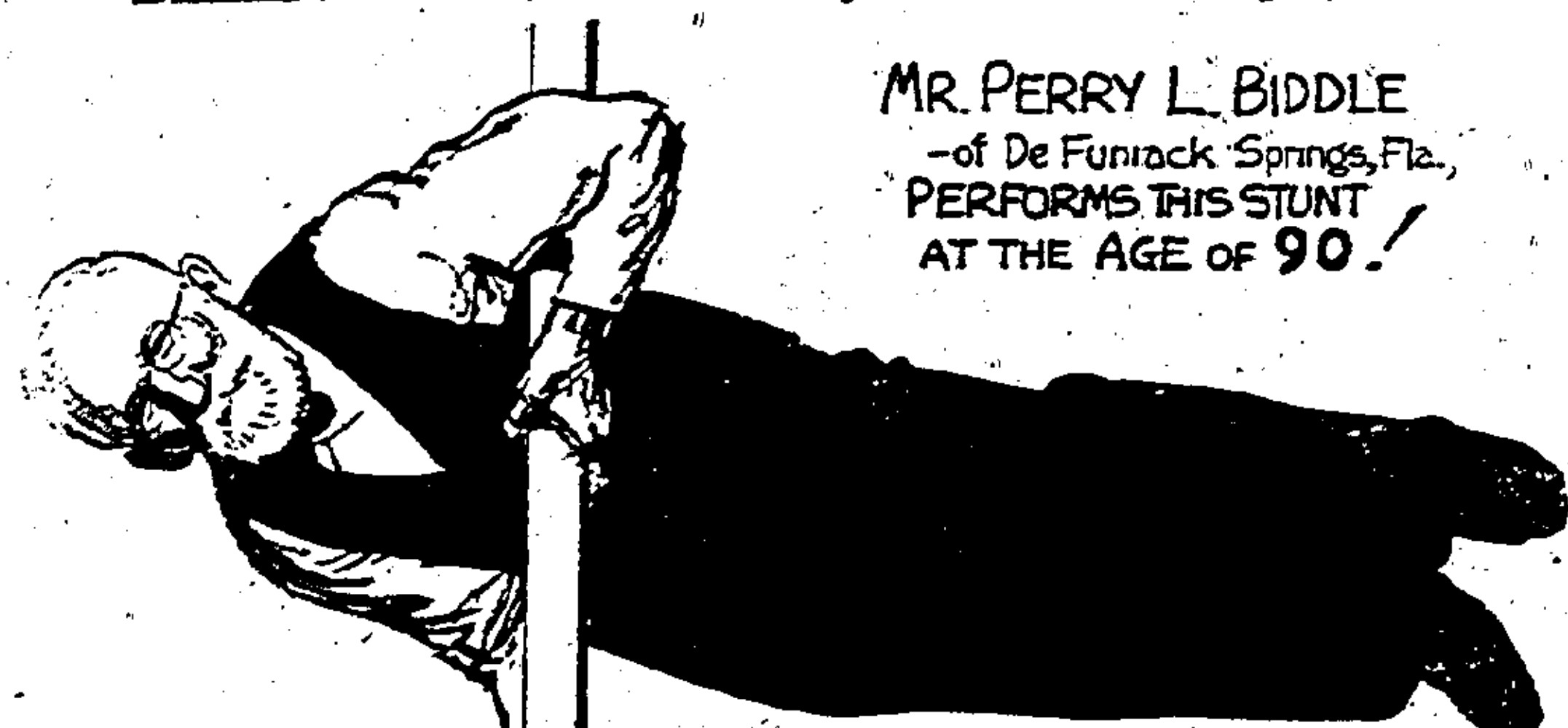
British editors, it is said, "feel that they must mould opinion through their papers by telling the public what they think the public should know. Our idea of a newspaper's function is rather different. It seems to us that a newspaper should lay all facts before its readers and let them make up their own minds as to what they think about the facts. To withhold the facts will only make the explosion greater when the facts do come out."

Only Mr. Walter Lippmann, in the "Herald Tribune," suggests the possibility that the issue had been forced by the constant publicity of the modern Press, where in times past it might never have been an issue.

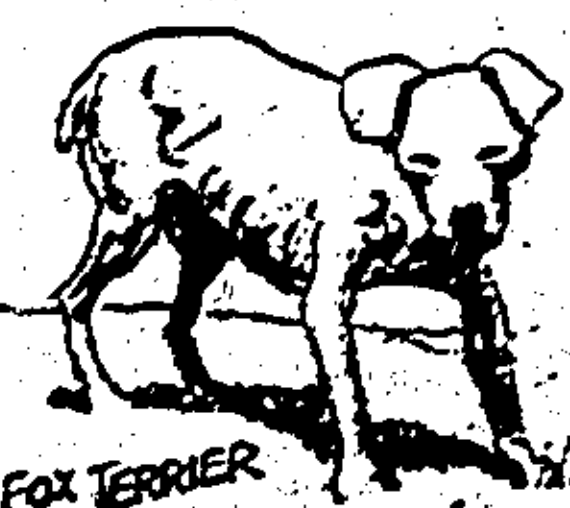
The two princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, are great favourites with the American public.

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

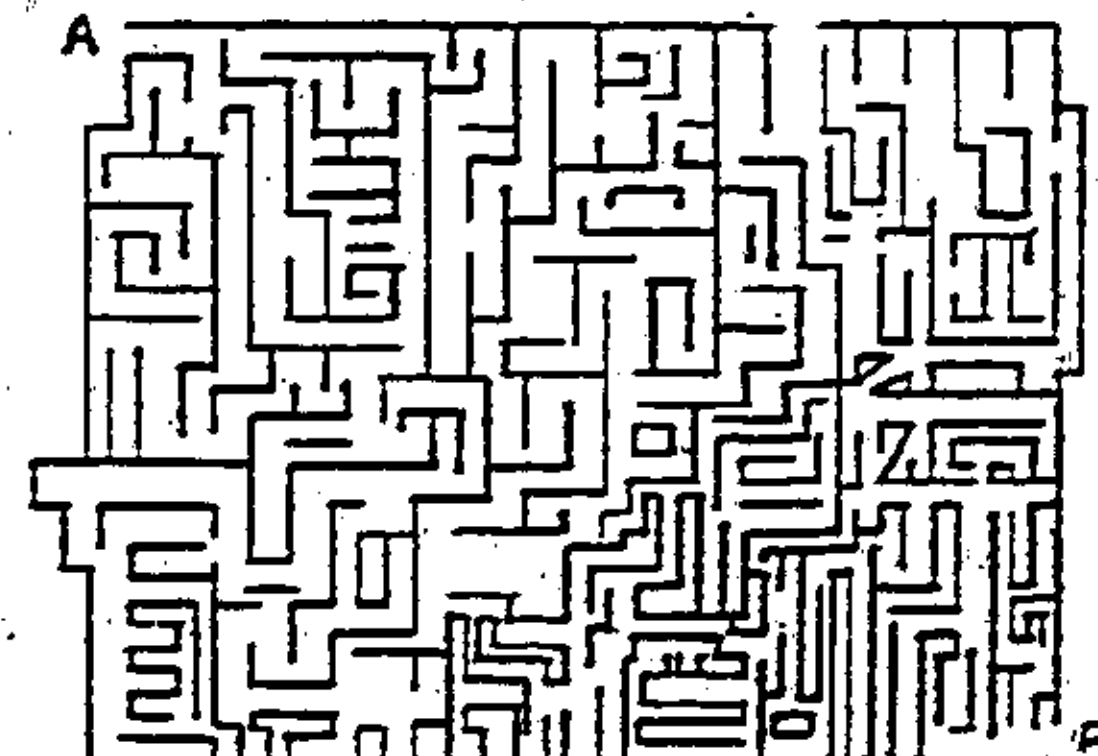
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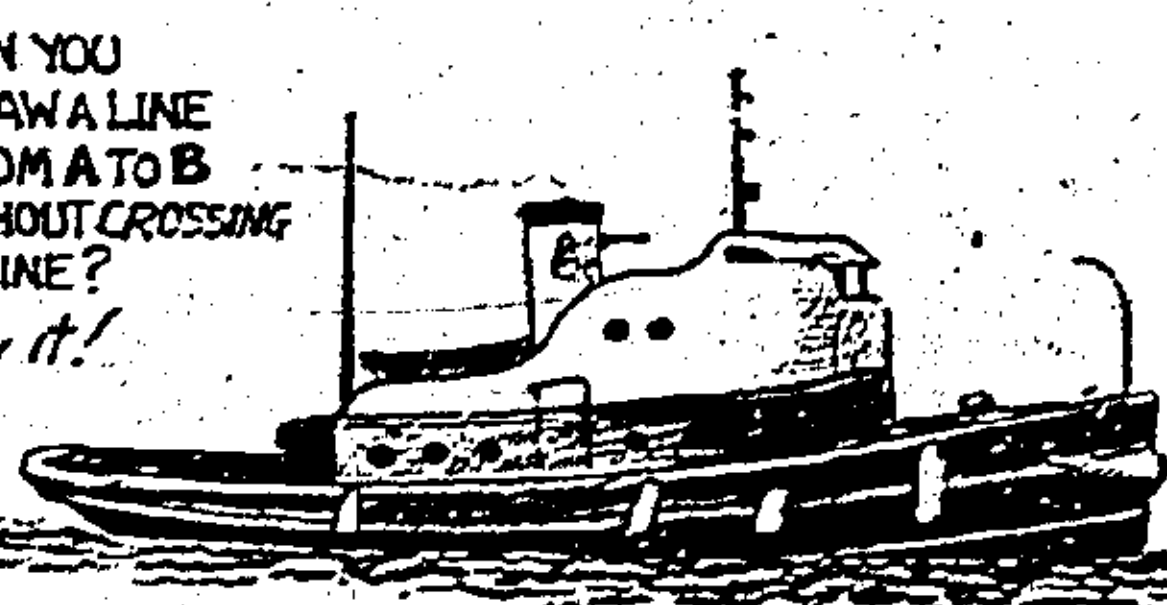
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TURK TROOP MOVEMENT RUMOURS COUP DE FORCE IN ANATOLIA? French Press Fears Attempt At Intimidation

Norwegian Ship "Arrested!"

Gibraltar, To-day. — The Norwegian steamer Ibis was stopped in the Straits of Gibraltar yesterday afternoon by a Spanish insurgent gunboat and was compelled to proceed to the insurgent port of Algeciras, where the ship's papers and cargo were inspected by the insurgent authorities.

The Ibis came from the insurgent port of Huelva and was bound for Mediterranean ports. — Reuter.

FALSE FOREIGN DEDUCTION

ANGLO-ITALIAN AGREEMENT

VIEWS ON SPAIN NOT CHANGED

London, To-day. — Anxiety continues to be felt in London regarding the grave consequences of failure to bring to a rapid end the help in the form of men and technicians which is being given from the outside to both sides in the Spanish civil war.

The Foreign Secretary saw the German Charge d'Affaires to-day and impressed upon him the importance which His Majesty's Government attaches to the "volunteers" question.

The replies of the German and Italian Governments to the Anglo-French representations were, according to press telegrams from Berlin and Rome, handed to-night to the British and French representatives.

SUGGESTION SCOUTED

Commentators in the press draw attention to the suggestion which has appeared in some quarters abroad that the recent joint British and Italian declaration on the Mediterranean implied some modification of the British attitude to the Spanish conflict and give authoritative denial to this deduction for which there is no justification.

British policy regarding the tragic civil war in Spain has not changed since the Government joined with France in the initiative to secure non-intervention for the reason which still remains urgent, namely, the prevention of an internal disturbance from enlarging and spreading so as to endanger our open peace.

FOUNDED ON DELUSION
Foreign support which is being given to one side or the other in Spain appears, to observers in London, to be founded on the delusion that whichever party secures a temporary military triumph will necessarily constitute the ultimate government of Spain.

It is considered here that neither the known facts of the Spanish situation nor the lessons of history confirm this idea.

The attitude of the British Government was and is that expressed by Mr. Anthony Eden in the Commons on December 13 where he said that the government he would like to see in Spain was the government that Spain wanted. — British Wireless.

THE EMPIRE AIR ROUTES

GROUND ORGANISATION ACTIVITIES

London, To-day. — The present year will see the completion of the great system of ground organisation along the Empire air routes designed to permit operation of the services to a twenty-four hours' schedule.

Improvement of ground organisation involves the establishment of new air ports and landing grounds, the provision of more wireless stations equipped with latest aids to flying, the installation of new airway beacons, and the perfecting of a meteorological system furnishing continuous day and night service of weather forecasts and reports. — British Wireless.

OFFICIAL QUARTERS HOPEFUL OF PEACEFUL OUTCOME

INDICATE FRANCE IS PREPARED FOR ALL NECESSARY MEASURES

Paris, To-day.

In connection with the reports concerning the extraordinary Cabinet Council Meeting which was presided over by the Turkish President Ataturk Pasha, newspapers here express fear that Turkey is contemplating a coup de force in the Alexandretta district.

The Foreign Editor of "L'Oeuvre," Madame Tabouis, states that she has been informed of the movements of the Turkish troops on the frontier of Konyah in the vicinity of which are two Turkish divisions said to be ready to march.

On the other hand, according to Madame Tabouis, France has only three battalions at her disposal in the region, one of which is in Antioch.

VIOLENCE OF TURKISH NEWSPAPERS

The Right Wing paper "Le Journal" asks whether Turkey is prepared to resort to violence in the hope of thereby solving the vexed problem of Konyah, and adds that France is firmly resolved to take all necessary counter-measures.

The "Petit Parisien" calls attention to the "incredible violence" of language of the Turkish Press to France and goes on to say that demonstrations staged on the occasion of the arrival of the neutral League of Nations Committee at Alexandretta, clear-

ly show that the events must be very carefully watched in order to prevent unpleasant surprises.

The Foreign Editor of "Le Journal" Saint Brice, stresses that it is above all important that France should show that she is determined not to give way to any attempt at intimidation. — Trans-Ocean.

Turkish Denial

Angora, To-day.

Authoritative circles here deny the reported concentration of Turkish troops at the Turkish-Syrian frontier.

Kemal Ataturk is expected to return to Angora in two or three days' time. — Reuter.

ly show that the events must be very carefully watched in order to prevent unpleasant surprises.

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NO MASSING OF TROOPS

Paris, To-day. — No news of any massing of Turkish troops on the southern frontier has reached well-informed quarters here.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK AND B.C.C.

RESIGNS CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE

London, To-day.

The Archbishop of York, it is announced, has resigned his post as Chairman of the Consultative Committee of the British Broadcasting Corporation owing to his being over-burdened with work.

The well-known lawyer and judge, Lord MacMillan, has been appointed to succeed him. — Trans-Ocean.

BALDWIN GOING TO SEE KING

SPENDING WEEK-END AT SANDRINGHAM

London, To-day. — The Prime Minister, who returned to-day to Downing Street from Worcestershire, where he spent the Christmas holidays, will go to Sandringham on Saturday to visit the King and will remain there over the week-end. — British Wireless.

It is pointed out that Turkey is not demanding the annexation of Alexandretta or Antioch, but is merely urging the grant of their independence.

It is therefore thought that a coup de force by Turkey is very unlikely. It is emphasised that France is content to leave matters in the hands of the League, where negotiations with the Turks are continuing and it is hoped that an acceptable solution will be reached. — Reuter.

PARIS DELIBERATIONS

Paris, To-day. — Important developments in the critical Franco-Turkish dispute regarding Konyah and Alexandretta took place yesterday when the French Under-Secretary for State for Foreign Affairs, M. Viemot, held lengthy deliberations, first with General Oesinger, the Commander in Chief of the French Levant troops, then with the Turkish Ambassador in Paris.

The latter conversation lasted no less than two hours, in the course of which it is reported that M. Viemot emphasised strongly the uneasiness felt by the French Government at the "violence" of the Turkish press campaign on the Konyah-Alexandretta question.

DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS

While negotiations are not to be interrupted on that account, it was agreed that both Governments would consider the advisability of postponing a discussion of the issue provided for by the inclusion of the Konyah question on the agenda of the League of Nations Session on January 18 and thus open a way for the pursuance of direct negotiations instead. — Trans-Ocean.

NEW TERRITORIES SHOW

REDUCED FARES ON THE RAILWAY

The tenth annual exhibition of the New Territories Agricultural Association, to be held for two days commencing to-morrow afternoon, will be honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Governor, who has consented to open the exhibition at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Those intending to visit the exhibition are requested to note that they will be entitled to reduced fares, provided they travel on the 10.10 a.m., 12.12 p.m., 1.25 p.m. and 1.50 p.m. trains from the Kowloon Station, and return by any train from Sheung Shui Station after 1 p.m. on either of the two days.

Return fares are \$2.25 (first class), \$1.50 (second class), and \$1.75 (third class). No exhibits will be offered for sale during the first day of the exhibition, but visitors will be allowed to make purchases during the second day.

Strikes Spread In United States

Detroit, To-day. — Strikes in the Motor industry have spread to five more factories simultaneously with the breakdown in negotiations for a settlement.

The disputes spread beyond the General Motors organisation when sit-down strikes began in two factories which were supplying auto-bodies to the Ford administration. — Reuter.

HIRE PURCHASE OF A CAR

NO INSTALMENTS PAID

VEHICLE SEIZED

Messrs. Gilman and Company, Limited, claimed for \$115.36, under a hire purchase agreement for a Hillman Minx motor-car, against Ip Ping-chuen, of the China Gin Company, before Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden at the Summary Court this morning.

Mr. W. K. Robinson represented the plaintiff company, while Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for defendant.

Under the agreement made on October 4, 1935, an amount of \$150 was to be paid down and the balance by monthly instalments. The first instalment of \$69.20, which fell due on November 1, 1935, was not paid. On November 20, 1935, the car was seized. Mr. Silva stated that the plaintiff company was suing for \$69.20 due on November 1, 1935, and \$46.16 for hire between the period of November 1 and November 20, 1935. The sum of \$69.20 had been paid into court, with a denial of liability for the balance. The case was adjourned to Monday next.

RETURN OF WANG CHING-WEI

EXPECTED IN HONG KONG NEXT WEEK

Canton To-day. — Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former President of Executive Yuan and concurrently Foreign Minister, will arrive in Hong Kong on January 12 from Europe.

Mr. Shao Lick-chi, one of the Shensi revolt captives, who has just resigned the chairmanship of the Shensi Government, has been instructed by the Nanjing Government to go to Hong Kong to greet Mr. Wang, with Messrs. Chan Fa-hai and Chau Ki-kiang. It is learned that Mr. Wang will assume office as Chairman of the Central Political Council as soon as he returns to Nanjing. Mrs. Wang Ching-wei and Mr. Chen Kung-po, former Minister of Industry, have gone to the Straits to meet Mr. Wang. — Our Own Correspondent.

ITALIAN BUDGET DEFICIT

SLIGHTLY LESS THAN ANTICIPATED

Rome, To-day. — It is officially announced that the 1935-36 budget closed with a deficit of 1,550 million lire as compared with the estimated deficit of 1,657 million lire. This does not include the cost of the Abyssinian war. — Reuter.

SERVICES TEAM TO MEET WASEDA UNIVERSITY

The following have been selected to play for the Combined Services against Waseda University to-morrow at 4 p.m. on the U. S. R. C. (Chatham Road) ground: "Spr. Towlett (R.E.), Bdm. Cox (S.E.R.), and Comdr. Broome (R.N.); Sgt. Brown (R.E.), Capt. Stapleton (K.R.), and Lt. Comdr. McCoy (R.N.); Lt. Donald (R.N.), Lt. Thornhill (R.N.), Sub. Lt. Wraith (R.N.), Lt. N. N. Singh (K.R.), and Rtm. Pataub (K.R.).

POLICE OFFICER MURDER

THIRTEEN PEOPLE REMANDED

ROBBERY SAID AN INSIDE JOB

Shanghai, Jan. 5.

A total of thirteen persons, including two boatmen, a tea shop master, a tea-boy, a hawk, and three women, were brought before Judge Feng, in the First Special District Court yesterday, and an application was made by the police and granted by the Judge for their detention on the ground that they were members of an alleged gang who committed an armed robbery at 378 Peking Road last Thursday morning, resulting in a shooting affray in which Sgt. E. M. Slater of Central Police Station, Chinese police watchman No. 2128, and one of the robbers were killed.

The prisoners were not questioned by the Judge, this being delayed till January 18 next, but police evidence was to the effect that the persons now in custody were rounded up in the Settlement, French Concession, Nantao, Pootung, and Chapel, that nine men took part in the robbery, four being the men who looted the Lien Ching Tur House Renting Office in Peking Road, and that the man who shot dead Prob. Sgt. Slater was killed immediately after by the police.

Tending to substantiate the suspicion that the robbery was an "inside job", the Court was informed by police that one of the men in custody, whose name was Wen Zungdau, was until his arrest a tea-boy at 373 Peking Road, and had been implicated by another arrested man as having given information to the gang about the office which was robbed. Two of the four robbers who did the shooting were still at large, their living quarters in Ranger Road being found locked when the police visited there. The three women were taken into custody because they were strongly suspected of having assisted in hiding the firearms used in the crime.

HUNDRED DIE OF INFLUENZA

VIRULENT PHASE NOW BELIEVED OVER

London, To-day.

There were 100 deaths last week from influenza and primary pneumonia but the most virulent phase of the present epidemic is considered in medical circles to be over.

Over 1,400 London policemen are on the sick list with influenza. — British Wireless.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling Next Sunday

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling for next Sunday:

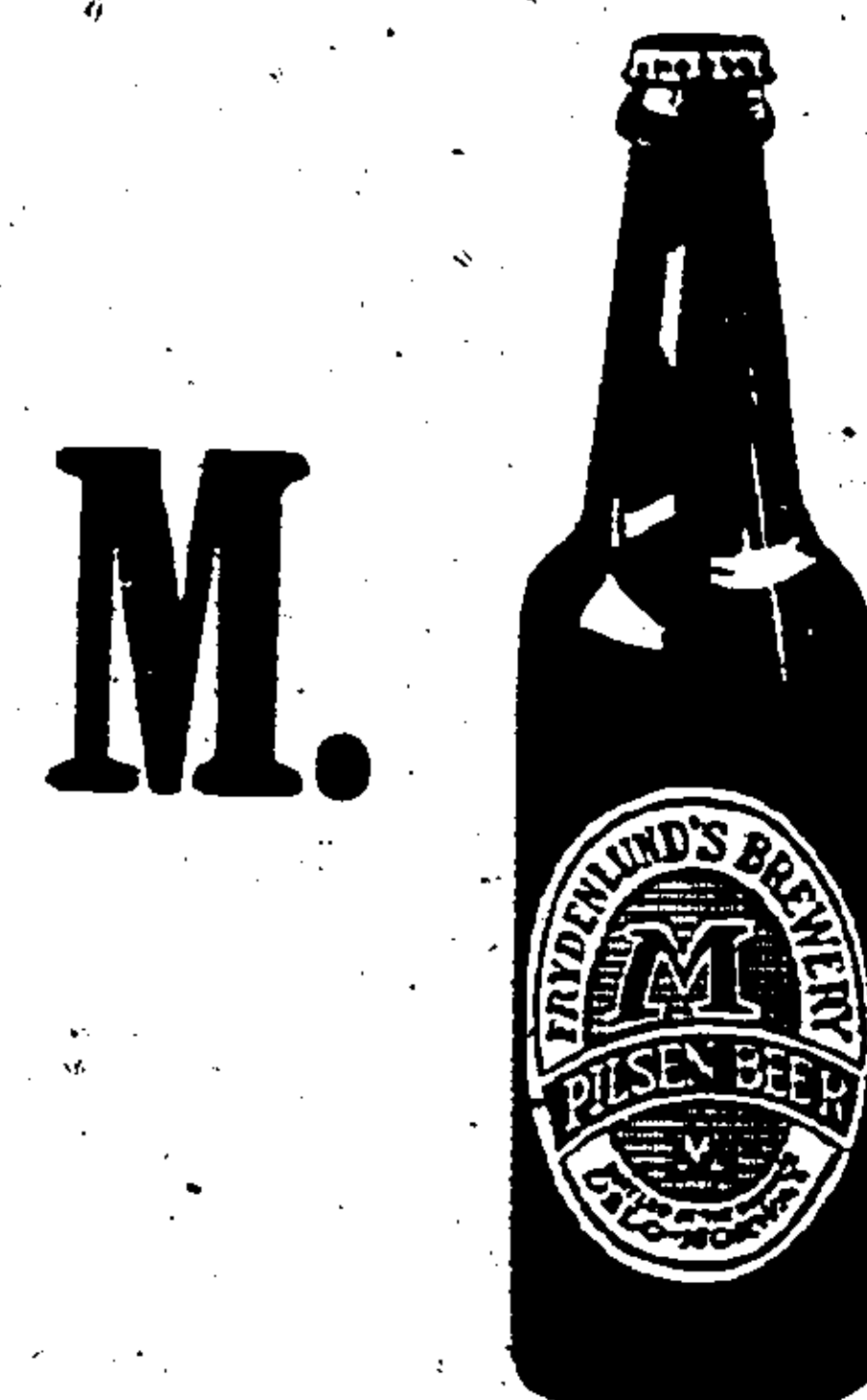
OLD COURSE	
9.20 a.m.	D. S. Robb, K. S. Robertson.
9.24	J. D. Hutchison and Co., A.P.C.
9.28	A. McKellar, H. M. Alexander.
9.32	S. T. Butler, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.36	A. E. Lissaman, K. E. Rouds.
9.40	G. Gawler, A. C. L. Bowker.
9.44	R. D. Evans, T. R. Rowell.
9.48	Capt. Mitchell, D. Baker.
9.52	W. A. Stewart, W. Sharp.
9.56	L. P. Tamworth, T. Low.
10.00	Comdr. Hole, J. E. Dovey.
10.04	J. W. Mayhew, W. Howitt.
10.08	W. S. Hillier, T. J. Price.
10.12	Col. Blake, Capt. Craig.
10.16	E. N. Williamson, G. T. May.
10.20	R. L. S. Webb, E. G. Smith.
10.24	Wright.
10.28	S. A. Sleep, W. L. Alexander.
10.32	Wing Cdr. Bishop, W. J. Waddington.
10.36	J. Harrop, D. L. Prophet.
10.40	W. Woodward, J. Forbes.
10.44	H. S. Dinsdale, E. R. Price.
10.48	A. C. Young, T. Lindars.
10.52	G. H. Wilson, A. D. Humphreys.
10.56	J. P. Sherry, C. Mycock.
11.00	J. J. Gibbison, I. E. Geare.
11.04	W. N. A. Smalley, D. H. Hazell.
11.08	C. H. Burton, T. C. Monaghan.
11.12	J. E. McEaney, D. W. MacEwen.
11.16	P. A. M. Elliott, N. P. Fox.
	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.



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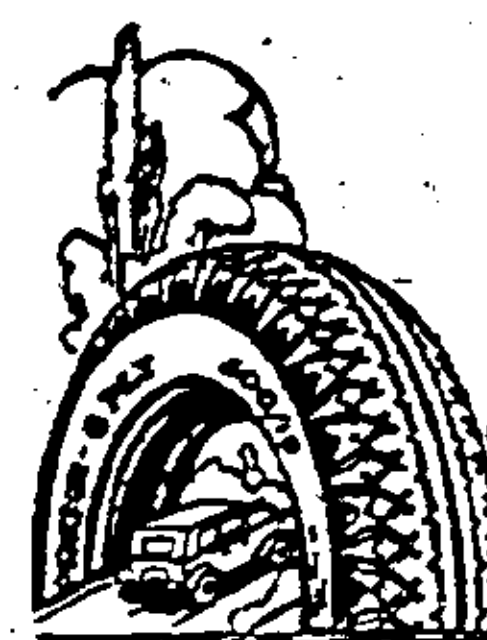


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11.24	Comdr. Barry, E. Bathurst	9.56	Donald.
11.28	Comdr. MacDonald, E. T.		Mrs. Harrop, Mrs.
	MacMullen.	10.04	Dinsdale.
		10.12	Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Prophet.
12.24 a.m.	D. J. Gilmore, P. H.		A. W. Campbell, K. F.
	Scotches.	10.20	Noble.
12.28	E. C. Hopkins, G. H.		Mrs. Turnbull, Miss Good-
	Canterley.	10.28	rich.
12.36	G. A. Leiper, A. S. Adam-	10.36	A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
	son.	10.44	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs.
12.40	K. W. Jones, J. S. Dunnett		Overy.
			Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Hillier.



TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres, (845 k.c.s.), 31.49 metres, (9.52 megacycles).

GRAMOPHONE RECITAL BY REV. C.B.R. SARGENT

- STUDIO CONCERT
4-7—Chinese Programme.
7-11—European Programme.
7—London—Bir Ben. "Police-men off Duty." Songs, Sentiments, and Reflections on a Policeman's Lot. Produced by John Pudney. (Electrical Recording).
7.22—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.37—Variety Items.

Vocal—
Carry me back to the Lone Prairie The Hill Billies.
Lights out Greta Keller.
Let's sing again Bobbie Breen.
Duet—
Oh Sarah! Oh Emery! Tommy Handley and Jean Allistone.

7.50—From the Studio.
Harry G. Aston and his Piano-Accordion.
South American Joe.
Poema.
Donauwelling.
Moonlight in Rio de Janeiro.
Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03—The New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Buffoon (Confrey).
Jazz Nocturne ("My Silent Love"). (Sease).
8.15—From the Studio.
A Recital by Mae Eng Bunn (pianoforte), Elvie Yuen (soprano) and Arsenio Tobias (violin).
1. Soprano Solos—
Voi lo Sapete O Mamma (Cavalleria Rusticana) (Mascani).
Vezosette e Care Falconieri.

2. Pianoforte Solo—
Fantasie-Improvisation Chopin.
3. Violin Solo—
Allegretto Poco mosso (Violin Sonata) Cesar Frank with Nura Kanis at the Piano.

4. Soprano Solos—
O Del Amato Ben Donaudy.
Chi Vuol la Zingarella Paisiello.
5. Pianoforte Solos—
Volles Minstrels Claude Debussy.



Ideal for early winter days is this black ensemble, composed of three-quarter length coat and skirt. The coat is trimmed with scarf and points of black astrakhan. The neat toque is also of astrakhan as is the large hand muff.

6. Violin Solo—
The Rosary Nevin-Kreisler.
8.55—London—News and Announcements.
9.15—Lohengrin—Prelude, Act 1. (Wagner), played by London Symphony Orchestra, Conducted by Albert Coates.
9.20—From the Studio.
The 1st. of a Second Series of Gramophone Recitals, by the Rev. C. B. R. Sargent.
10 p.m.—London—Bir Ben. Dance Music.
Close Down.

LOCAL SILK SHOP BURNT OUT

SEVERE DAMAGE TO BUSINESS PREMISES

A serious fire broke out last night in the Central District, in the Mayen Photographic studio, it is thought, one block to the west of the Queen's Theatre, Queen's Road.

The block involved is actually between Lee Yuen Street East and Chung Street, two narrow alleys leading down to Des Voeux Road.

The alarm was given at the Central Fire Station at 12.35 a.m. and four appliances were quickly on the scene. Supt. H. T. Brooks personally taking charge of the operations.

By the time the Brigade arrived the two premises on either side of the Mayen Studio, The Victoria Silk Palace and the Tak Hing Jade Shop were well alight, fierce flames shooting up from the former.

Hoses were brought from Pedder Street and Dagular Street hydrants, and two lines of hose were brought to bear from the turntable fire-escape, into the upper stories of the block.

Besides the three businesses mentioned the Boston Shoe Store, Lee Fat Tailor, and the Star Tailor also suffered severe damage.

MADRID ART TREASURES SAVED

Valencia, Dec. 13.—It is reported that most of the rare books, objects of art, and paintings in the National Library and the Prado Museum in Madrid have been saved from insurgent bombardment by being placed in the cellars and protected with sandbags. Since the beginning of hostilities the authorities have accumulated in the Library 600,000 books, manuscripts, and engravings "abandoned by their owners," besides 14,000 paintings and objects of art, including, it is stated, 30 Goyas and 15 El Grecos, the existence of some of which was hitherto unknown.

The famous sepulchre of Cardinal Cisneros at Alcala de Henares has been destroyed by insurgent bombs.

ROAD-MAKING UNDER ARMED PROTECTION
BRITISH TROOPS WORKING IN A DANGEROUS AREA

Calcutta, Dec. 21.

A vivid description of the work undertaken by troops in constructing a road in Khasi Valley the scene of the recent skirmishes on the North-West Frontier in which British officers lost their lives is given by an official eye-witness.

He describes the difficulties encountered by the party and the steps taken by them to overcome the obstacles.

"The lot of an eye-witness with troops in the field is hard when he has no fighting or stirring incidents to describe," states the writer. "Up to the present my lot has been hard indeed. From a fighting standpoint things have been dull. In view of the bombast and boasts of the Fakir of Ipi things have been unexpectedly dull. So I can only describe the somewhat humdrum but laborious work on which we have been engaged. It is a tale of hard daily road construction adequately protected and carried out with a will.

"The road we are making is one to meet necessities. It is not a work of art. But it serves a very definite purpose, of which we had a practical demonstration on December 9 when the Force moved forward from Tochi Camp to form a new Camp on the Jalor Algaad."

The eye-witness states: "Forces of to-day require far more impedimenta than did those of the 'classical' wars of the nineteenth century. The grand old days of 'burn and scuttle' are over. The tribesmen are now better armed. They are becoming 'air-minded.' They have

always been experts at guerilla warfare, their tactics are deserving of respect.

Problem of Supplies

"Nothing can be left to chance. Our own forces require far more to-day in the way of maintenance than did those of 30 years ago. They can no longer 'live on the country' and indeed no force could 'live on the country' in the Khasi Valley, for there is nothing to live on.

"The administrative problem may be greater than the tactical. Thus when the troops moved on to Jalor Camp they were followed closely by some hundred lorries. These, thanks to the splendid work of the R.I.A.S.C. drivers, all reached camp and returned without mishap. As so often happens in operations on the North-West Frontier the problem of water supply was a difficult one.

"So water had also to be carried forward. Since then springs have been found in the Jalor Algaad which have been developed by the Sappers and Miners. So this administrative difficulty has been wiped off the slate.

Daily Procedure

"Our general daily procedure is simple. Each day an adequate force goes out to protect troops on road construction. Let us watch a normal incident of the routine. The advanced guard moves out through the camp pickets in the grey dawn, but as they move the light increases. The advanced guard commander begins to picket the route for the day.

"That is, to place protective detachments to prevent the enemy from interfering with the troops on road construction.

"The whole operation is carried out with the ordered precision of the parade ground. Each man knows his task and what to do. Behind are the guns and machine-guns ready to support the pickets. The advanced guard Commander calls an officer and gives him details as to the position to be occupied by the picket and its strength.

"The gunner and the machine-gun officer note the details and arrange for support. In a few minutes the picket moves off. They cross the low ground at the double and begin to climb the spur. From many points field glasses are trained on them and on their objective.

"Guns and machine-guns are waiting and watching. The picket moves upward, the size of the man dwindling to the eye as they climb. They near the position and halt. There a flicker of light from the crouching men. They are fixing bayonets. Suddenly they rise and move swiftly to their position. For an instant they stand out against the sky with flashes of light from their bayonets. Then they are up, some on the rocks, some on the signal 'picket established.' The watching officers close their glasses with a sigh of relief. 'Stand by! We are going on! Prepare to move,' and so the force moves on.

Test Match News!

"For the rest we have our own jokes and quips, many provided involuntarily. One of our jokes is the facial expression of the gentleman in the green blazer who drives a device like a great mechanical plough which aids our road making. 'The Monster.' The presiding genius of this hits a rock, but never turns a hair. On the contrary he draws back his complicated machine and returns to the assault. No rock in the Khasi Valley can withstand three buffets from 'The Monster.' Our friend of the green blazer will go down to history a great man!

"I tremble to record that all normal operations had to cease when it was necessary to tell all and sundry that Don Bradman was out for a 'duck.' The Test Match is far more important than the Fakir of Ipi!

"An one word about the B.A.F., who are by no means 'back area.' They shepherd us out of camp and back again. Always above us is the drone of their engines, the flash and sparke of their silver wings and we know that a watcher is there ready to give information or to dive to our support. As the planes circle above us, when the rain permits, we take off our hats to them."

LOCAL WEDDINGS

MISS P. I. MURROW AND LT. R. H. S. CLARK

The stately interior of St. John's Cathedral made a perfect setting for the charming bridal group at the marriage of Miss Peggy Isobel Murrow and Lt. Ronald Harrison Senior Clark, R.N., of H.M.S. Medway, which was solemnised yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. H. W. Baines, and Rev. W. G. Parker, of H.M.S. Medway, officiated at the ceremony, which took place at 2.30 p.m.

The bride is the youngest child of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. H. L. Murrow, whilst the bridegroom is the only son of Surgeon Captain and Mrs. A. B. Clark, of Nottingham, England.

Unusual Coronet

The bride, who was given away by her father, set off her fair colouring by a gown of silver lame cut on graceful lines. A long train fell from the waist, the long sleeves fell in points over the wrists, and the bodice, which was cut square, was gathered into a narrow clasp of diamante. Her long tulle veil, threaded and embroidered with silver, was held in place by a coronet of tiny ostrich feathers, tipped with silver. She carried a shower bouquet of shaded mauve, pink and white sweet peas.

Miss Eve Ann Hayter, as bridesmaid, wore a Medieval styled gown of pale pink taffeta. Little Master Anthony Darrell Bishop was pageboy and wore a sailor suit.

Lt. A. W. Stewart, R.N. was best man.

Those Present

Following the ceremony, a reception was held on H.M.S. Medway. Among the many guests present were Captain and Mrs. Coltart, Commander and Mrs. Beever, Commander and Mrs. Reeves, Wing Commander and Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Hole, Mr. W. E. Hamilton, Mr. Erik Nelson, Captain and Mrs. Maurice Jones, Major and Mrs. Eccles, Major G.V.V. Hoskyn, Captain and Mrs. Lock, Comte and Comtesse de Courseulles, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Graves, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. E. H. Tilden, Major and Mrs. Garrard, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. R. C. S. Garwood, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. R. N. Garnett, Miss D. Dodwell, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. R. N. Stirling Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Womack and Lt. Comdr. Woodhall.

The bride travelled in a dress of Russian-blue honeycomb cloth with braided front, set off with a little page-boy hat of brown. A fur cape, the gift of the bridegroom, was also worn. Repulse Bay and Manila have been chosen for the honeymoon.

MISS C. ANGUS MARRIES MR. W. SHEWAN

A white taffeta cloque gown from Marshall and Snellgrove, London and a white pan-velvet hat were worn by Miss Christina Helen Angus for her wedding, yesterday afternoon, to Mr. William Wyllie Clark Shewan, an architect with the Public Works Department.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow at the Union Church, Kennedy Road.

The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. P. Angus and the late Mr. P. Angus, of Hong Kong, whilst the bridegroom is the only son of Mr. G. Shewan of Aberdeen, Scotland.

The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. G. I. Angus, looked charming in her white taffeta cloque gown and carried a bouquet of red sweet-peas and white heather.

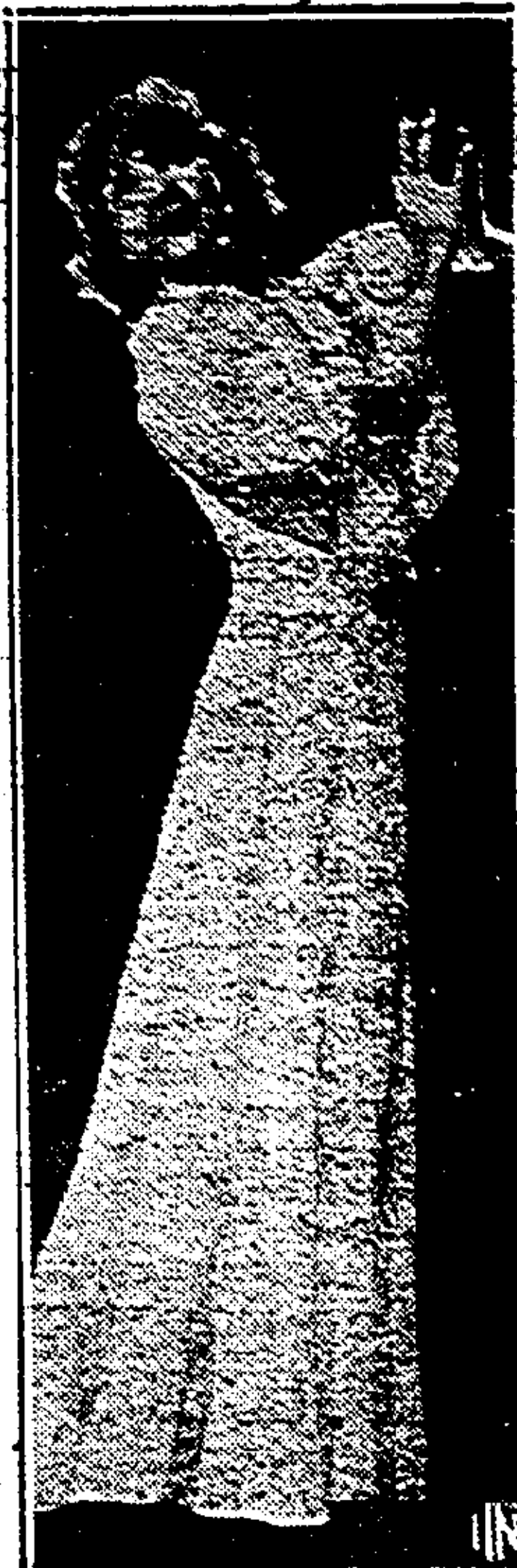
Silver Tullips

The bridesmaid was Miss Winifred Lawson, whose taffeta gown was of a delicate rose pink shade. She carried a sheaf of silver tulips.

The duties of best man were undertaken by Mr. N. K. Littlejohn. Mr. Longyear was at the organ.

The reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel. The bride's mother, Mrs. Angus, received the guests in a navy blue lace gown trimmed with grey fur, set off with a navy blue pan-velvet hat. On leaving for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Fanling, Mrs. Shewan wore a navy blue dress with fur coat—a gift from the bridegroom.

The bride's mother's dress, the bridesmaid's dress and the bride's going-away ensemble were by Paul Renett at Cle.



Pink cotton lace ingeniously threaded with silver in an all-over pattern is used for this fragile-looking gown worn by Ann Sothorn, the screen actress. The dress is fitted through the waist and is fastened from the base of the tailored collar to the hem with tiny rhinestone buttons.

LOCAL TRAFFIC MISHAPS

WEEKLY ANALYSIS OF CHIEF CAUSES

The weekly return of the Traffic Department states that in the Colony of Hong Kong including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 2nd instant, there were altogether 38 traffic accidents, as the result of which one person was killed and 16 persons were injured.

The person killed, a Chinese male child, aged 5 years, whilst running across the road, was knocked down and killed by a motor bus.

Of the persons injured, 8 were pedestrians, who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles.

One bus passenger was injured whilst alighting from a moving motor bus.

One cyclist was injured through falling from his vehicle whilst in motion.

A lorry passenger was injured through falling from a moving motor lorry.

One cyclist was injured, when his vehicle collided with and was swung over a wall.

A private motor car driver and 3 passengers were injured when their vehicle ran off the roadway.

Of the 38 accidents, 16 were collisions between vehicles; 13 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 9 accidents were due to other causes.

Vehicles	Accidents
Private Motor Car	11
Motor Lorry	12
Public Motor Car	3
Motor Bus	3
Motor Cycle	1
Tramcar	1
Rickshaw	1
Bicycle	6
	38

DARING ROBBERY

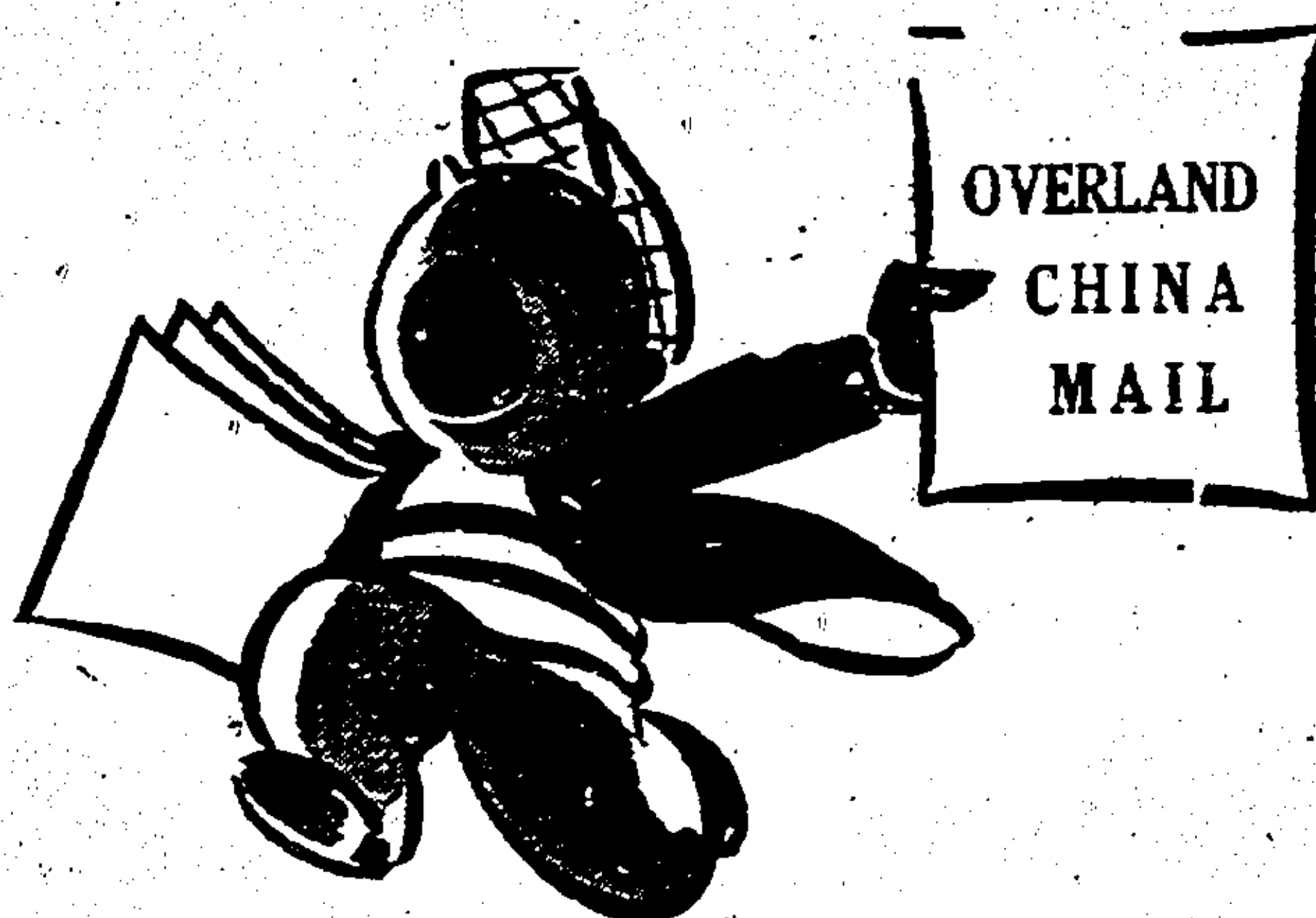
GANG STEALS \$1,000 FROM MONEY CHANGER

The mistress and foks of the Kwong Sing Cheung, money changer, Kowloon City, had the alarming experience yesterday evening of three armed men entering their shop and holding them up. The mistress, Yip Lan, who was behind the grill of the cash counter, was attacked by two of the robbers, who brandished revolvers, and stole nearly \$1,000, which was about to be locked up. The third robber stood on guard at the street door, armed with a pair of scissors.

The men foks, under the threat of the firearms could do nothing more than raise the alarm after the robbers had made good their escape.

A report was immediately made to the Kowloon City Police Station but no arrests have been made.

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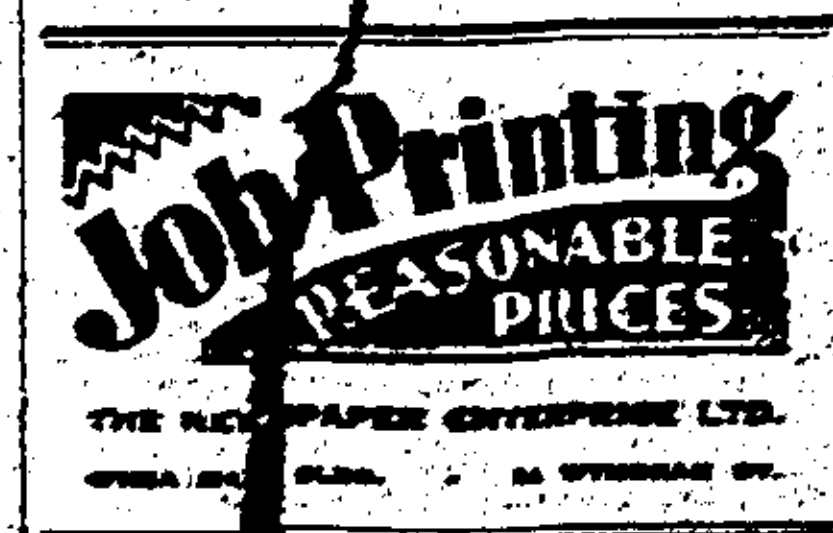
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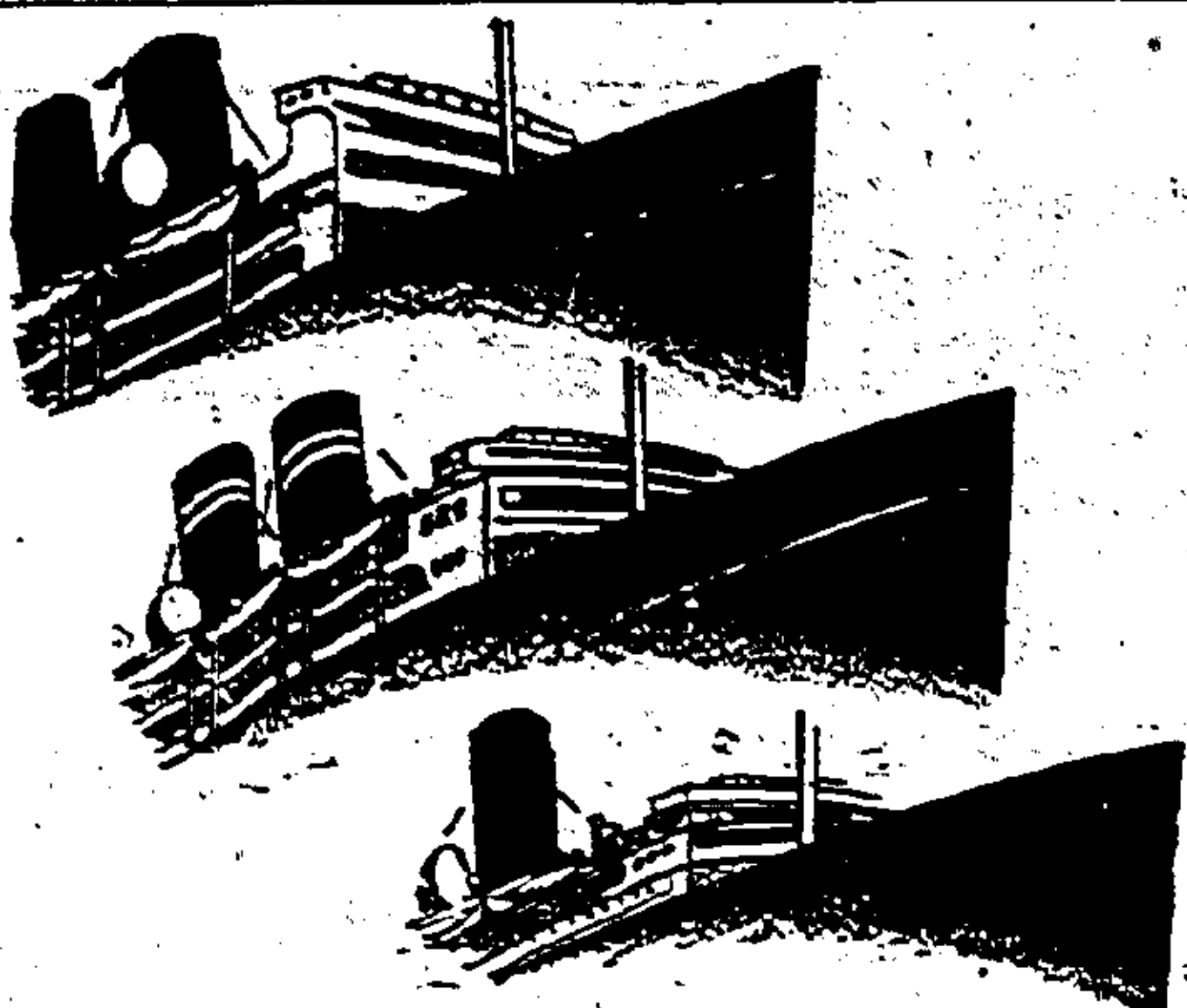
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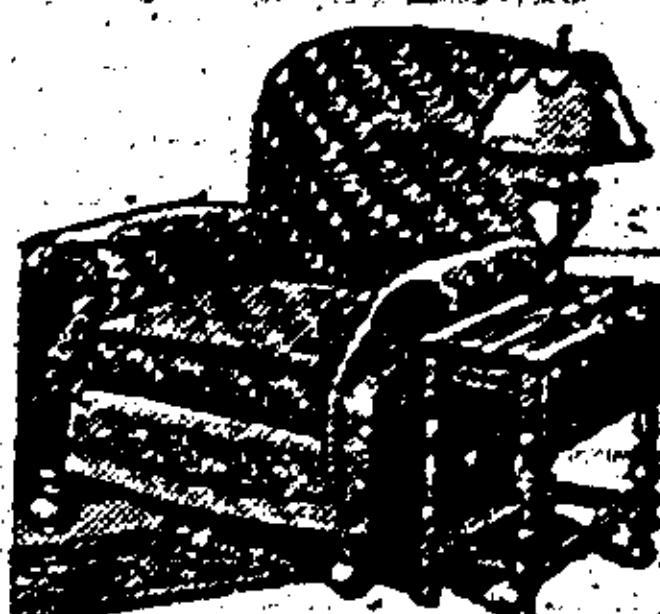
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The girl engages Raymond to pose as an obnoxious French count after her hand, and to insult her father to such an extent that the man with whom she fancies she is in love, and of whom her father violently disapproves, will like an excellent catch in comparison. At the same time, the father hires the other boy as a secret bodyguard to his daughter in order to prevent her eloping. Merry mix-ups follow, for neither of the two college pals knows what the other's job is; and, similarly, neither father nor daughter realizes what the other one is up to.

The production also features Henry Stephenson and Jesses Ralph, as well as George Andre Benanger, George Meeker and Charles Coleman.

"MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION"—STAR THEATRE

Irene Dunne and Robert Taylor play the starring roles in this picture, a poignant drama which begins in New York City and later moves to Paris, finally reaching its climax in Virginia.

The picture's principal theme is a tender love story between Miss Dunne and Taylor, which reaches a heart-pulsing climax when the main figures of the narrative are threatened with tragedy.

Important roles in "Magnificent Obsession" are enacted by Charles Butterworth, Betty Furness, Ralph Morgan, Sara Haden, Gilbert Emery and Henry Armetta.

"THE WHITE ANGEL"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

"The White Angel," presenting the biography of Florence Nightingale, comes as more than a mere narrative in the life of a heroic



Robert Taylor, filmland's No. 1 heart throb, is here shown as he practiced with Olivia De Havilland, the lovely screen actress, for an appearance on the air.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Necessary Risk

The question of whether to delay winning a trick for strategic reasons or to take it immediately rather than expose it to a second round ruff is an extremely difficult one for average players and experts alike. The correct decision in each case must be based on the needs of the situation. To-day's hand is typical where this problem is concerned.

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Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S. A K 7 5

H. Q 10 9 4

D. A 10 6 4

C. 6

WEST

S. 8 6 2

H. 8 5

D. K Q 9 7

C. A 9 8 2

EAST

S. Q J 10

H. A 3

D. 8 3

C. K Q J 7 5 4

SOUTH

S. 9 4 3

H. K J 7 6 2

D. J 5 2

C. 10 3

The bidding:

East. South. West. North.

1 C. 2 H. 3 C. 4 H.

Pass. Pass. Pass.

South's free bid of two hearts was a light stretch from the point of actual values, but nevertheless correct from tactical viewpoint.

North had advertised a very good hand by his takeout double, particularly so since it was in the face of bidding by both opponents and a pass by partner. Therefore it devolved upon South to relieve North by suggesting that he had, at least, a playable major suit.

Had South passed (as too many players would) and West raised the two club bid to three, North would have been very much "up against it."

West opened the club ace, and after seeing dummy's singleton shifted to the king of diamonds.

Now the declarer was torn between two desires. Since West had bid diamonds he might well have five, in which case a second round would be ruffed by East.

As against that, if the ace of diamond were played on the king there would be no chance of establishing dummy's fourth diamond for a spade discard and therefore one trick in each suit inevitably would be lost. In point of fact, declarer saw that against perfect defence no play of his could insure the contract, but a duck of the diamond lead looked as though it might lure West into an error. So the king was allowed to hold and East foolishly played the eight on the vague theory that he should "show his doubler."

That clinched matters for West; he next led the seven of diamonds! Dummy ducked again and declarer's jack won. The ace of trumps was forced out, and after the spade return was won in dummy the remaining adverse trumps were drawn. Now declarer had only to lead a diamond from his hand and finesse West's queen with dummy's A-10 for a discard of his losing spade and fulfillment of the game contract.

Admittedly the defence was not so good, but declarer deserved credit for his part in inducing the diamond continuation.



Jean Harlow, William Powell, Myrna Loy, Spencer Tracy are in "The White Angel" now showing at the King's Theatre.

woman. Through the life of this woman, played by Kay Francis, we see the sweeping events of those 1850's. There is the story of her valiant onslaught against the entrenched war-lords of the British Cabinet who resented the intrusion of a woman — even one like Florence Nightingale — into the field-hospitals.

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"SWORN ENEMY"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

The story concerns two young brothers, born and raised in the seething heart of a great city, where the influence of the grim racketeers is never far away. One of them is ruthlessly killed because he knows too much and the other swears to avenge him.

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Florence Rice, daughter of the famous writer, Grantland Rice, has the feminine lead. Others in the cast of this Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture are Lewis Stone, the veteran character actor, Harold Huber, Harvey Stephens and Samuel Hinds.

"A SON COMES HOME"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

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QUITE READY TO
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MAKING THREE
CONDITIONS

London, To-day.
The German and Italian replies to the Anglo-French non-intervention proposals state that they agree to co-operate providing other participating nations adopt the same attitude. The question of indirect intervention must be tackled immediately and all participating governments must agree to unconditional effective control on the spot of the prohibitions to be agreed.

The German reply to the Anglo-French proposals after making these three conditions for co-operation in further non-intervention efforts also urges the advisability of removing from Spain all non-Spanish participants in the battles of that country including all “political agitators and propagandists.”

GERMANY ASTONISHED

The German reply express astonishment that England and France are appealing directly to Governments represented on the Non-Intervention Committee, which is at present discussing the prohibition of foreign volunteers to Spain.

The reply goes on to say, “If it is believed that the Committee's method is inadequate, then it will be better to refrain from the continuance of it,” and declares that Italy and Germany, from the beginning demanded the prohibition of foreign volunteers, but England and France declined. The Note further suggests that prohibition might result in a one-sided support against the General Franco elements and would only benefit the Bolshevik party in Spain, which was obviously sufficiently strengthened by foreign volunteers.

WILLING SUPPORT

Germany is willing to support all measures to prevent the stream of volunteers into Spain in the expectation that all possibilities of direct or indirect intervention in the Spanish battle will be finally excluded.

After laying down the conditions already cabled, the reply adds that if no agreement is possible on prevention or other forms of indirect intervention, Germany reserves to herself the right to re-examine her attitude regarding volunteers.

A German official news agency states that the German reply was drafted in agreement with the Italian Government, which is simultaneously giving a corresponding reply.—Reuter.

FRENCH POLICY CONDEMNED

Paris, To-day.
A violent attack on the Blum Cabinet's foreign policy is made in the Socialist “Populaire” by an influential member of the administrative council of the Socialist Party, M. Zyromski, who under the heading, “Spanish Republic Must Be Defended,” writes that “the so-called policy of non-intervention” has not prevented recognition of General Franco by Ger-

The Hague Stirred By Wedding Scenes

Palos Incident
Not Settled

Berlin, To-day.
The German Foreign Office Propaganda Ministry told Reuter's correspondent that hitherto nothing was known here of any Spanish decision to release the passenger or Cargo of the German ship Palos.—Reuter.

GERMAN NAVY'S ACTIVITY

MAY BE DISCUSSED IN LONDON

London, To-day.
The usually well-informed diplomatic correspondent of the “Daily Telegraph” believes it probable that the British Government will grant the Valencia Government's request to draw the non-intervention Committee's attention to the Hispano-German incidents, which have taken place in the last fortnight in Spanish waters, since the Valencia Government, is not in a position to do so itself because it is not represented on the Committee.

The correspondent adds that it is possible that the Committee may be convened for this purpose next Wednesday.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.—The next meeting of the Chairman's Sub-committee of Non-intervention-Committee has been fixed provisionally for Tuesday when it will consider the reports of experts on the technical aspects of indirect intervention and the recruitment of foreign nationals to enlist in the forces in Spain.—British Wireless.

many and Italy, just as little as it prevented the recent incidents in Spanish waters.

M. Zyromski goes on to say that profound modifications of French foreign policy is indispensable.

First and foremost the French Government must regain its freedom of action in order to put an end to prohibition of the exportation of war material to revolutionary Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN REPLY

Comments On Indirect French Intervention

Rome To-day.—The Italian reply to the Franco-British note regarding the participation of foreign volunteers in the Spanish civil conflict was handed by the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, to the British Ambassador and the French Charge d'Affaires yesterday afternoon.

The contents, according to well informed quarters, closely conform to those of the German reply.

Italy, so it is declared, accepts in principle the proposal that the influx of foreign volunteers into Spain should be prevented, but states that Italy is taking an extremely grave view of the situation which “indirect French and Soviet Russian intervention” have produced in Spain during the past few months.—Trans-Ocean.

CARNIVAL NIGHT IN CAFES & RESTAURANTS

The Hague, To-day.—Wednesday night will long be remembered as carnival night in the usually so sedate Dutch capital.

The closing hours for restaurants, cafes and licensed houses were suspended entirely by the police and although thousands of visitors were accommodated in neighbouring towns, it was still quite impossible to provide quarters for all the vast numbers of people who thronged into the capital.

Many were obliged to pass the night in cafes and restaurants and were awake early in the morning in order to obtain good positions in the streets along which the procession passed.

Further multitudes were disgorged by the station, the capacity of the building being taxed to the utmost with special trains arriving at regular intervals of ten minutes. The crowds were managed, however, with great skill by the police who had made excellent arrangements for directing the masses to the centre of the town with the least possible delay.

THE PROCESSION

Detachments of soldiers in field grey uniform, steel helmets and with fixed bayonets, marched into centre of city to the rousing strains of military bands and cordoned off the streets along which the procession was to pass. At 10.30, the bridal pair left the Royal Castle where the procession had been formed.

Headed by detachments of horse artillery and cavalry, the first coaches in the procession contained the bridesmaids. Storms of cheering then broke out as the famous golden coach, drawn by eight horses, appeared with the bridal pair and an equally hearty ovation was given Queen Wilhelmina and Princess Bernhard zur Lippe, mother of the bridegroom, who came next in a crystal coach drawn by four horses.

The drive to the City Hall, where the civil marriage took place was a triumphal procession, crowds lining the streets and cheering themselves hoarse in their enthusiasm. The civil ceremony was performed by the Burgomaster of The Hague and a copy of the entry in the register was immediately sent to the Court chaplain, Dr. Abbink, who officiated at the church ceremony.

DR. WELTER OFFICIATES
After Dr. Abbink had concluded his address, for which he took as his text the psalm, “I will follow thee with mine eyes,” the actual marriage ceremony was performed by the retired court chaplain, Dr. Welter, who had baptised and christened the bride.

The bells of every church in the city pealed out as the newly wedded couple left the portals of the Church and took their seats as man and wife in the State coach, and cheers of jubilation were unending as the procession retraced its way through the streets.

At the Royal Castle, the newly married couple were received in state by the chief court Chamberlain.

The official proceedings were thereby terminated, being followed by a reception of a family character. In the course of the afternoon Princess Juliana and her husband left on a honeymoon trip to a winter sports resort.—Trans-Ocean.

RAS IMRU GIVES UP FIGHT

BEING TAKEN TO ROME ON DUCE'S ORDERS

Rome, To-day.
Ras Imru, who was recently captured together with his two sons by the Italians in Abyssinia, is to be brought to Rome by order of Mussolini, but it is unknown what future the Italians are planning for him.

Ras Imru stood bareheaded at the Addis Ababa airport in the presence of a gathering of Abyssinian chiefs, while Marshal Graziani made a speech in which he emphasised the uselessness of continuing resistance.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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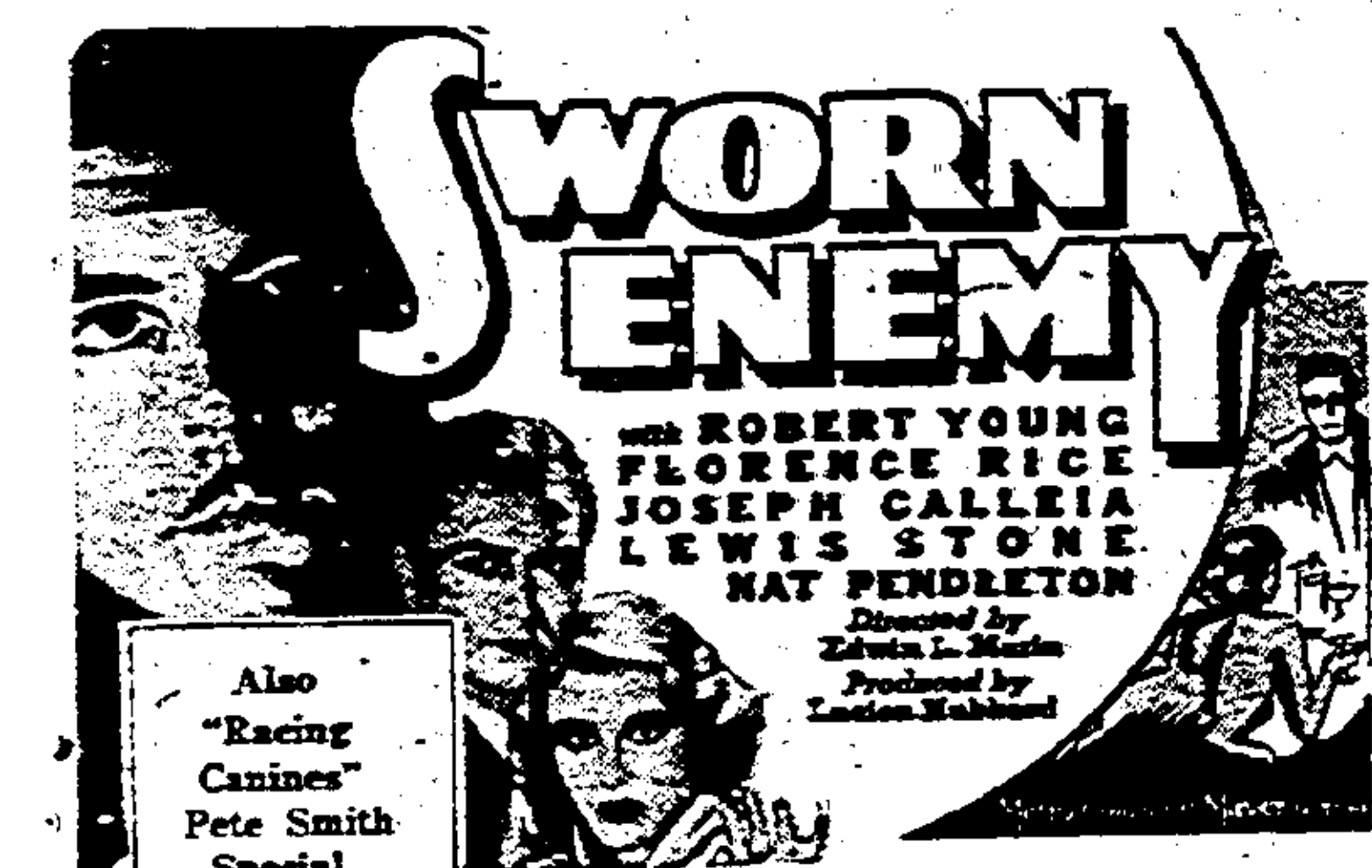


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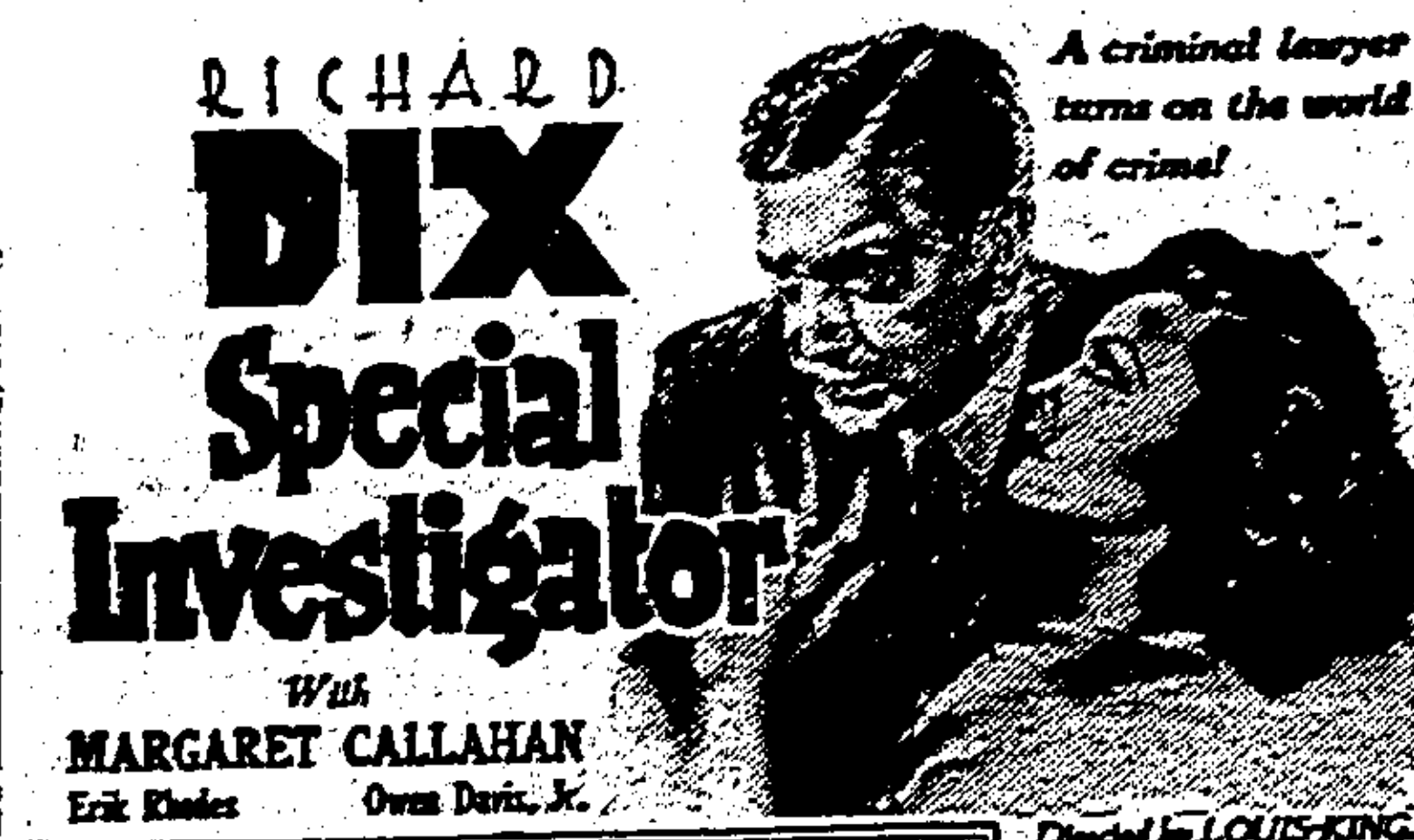
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